

Curriculum Vitae

TRACY L. FINLAYSON

PROFESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

San Diego State University
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Postdoctoral Scholar, 2005 – 2007
Health Services Research Training, University of California, Berkeley - School of Public Health

Ph.D., Health Services Organization and Policy, 2005
University of Michigan - School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy
“Mothers’ self-efficacy and oral health in low-income African American children in Detroit.”

B.S., Human Development, 2000
University of California, Davis - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

FELLOWSHIPS

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Predoctoral Traineeship, 2004-2005
University of Michigan. Psychosocial Factors in Mental Health and Illness Grant #5T32MH16806

Minority Research Supplement, National Institutes for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR),
2003-2004. University of Michigan. Detroit Center for Research on Oral Health Disparities Grant
#U5414261

HONORS

- American Public Health Association 2008 Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award
- Delta Omega Honor Society, 2008 inductee
- Outstanding Senior Award, UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Oral health, health disparities, psychosocial determinants of health, access to care, health policy analysis and program evaluation, maternal and child health, mental health, US healthcare system

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

* = student

Weintraub, Jane A., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Gansky, Stuart A., Santo, William, Ramos-Gomez, Francisco. 2013. Clinically determined and self-reported dental caries status during and after pregnancy among low-income Hispanic women. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*. 73(4):311-20.

Hunte, Haslyn E.R. & **Finlayson, Tracy L.** 2013. The association between perceived discrimination and therapeutic drug misuse and illicit drug use in a racial/ethnic heterogeneous sample of adults. *Journal of Urban Health*. 90(6):1112-29.

Hoerster, Katherine D., Butler*, Dalila A., Mayer, Joni A., **Finlayson, Tracy**, & Gallo, Linda C. 2012. Use of conventional care and complementary/alternative medicine among US adults with arthritis. *Preventive Medicine*. 54: 13-17.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Gansky, Stuart A., Shain, Sara G., Weintraub, Jane A. 2010. Dental utilization by adult Hispanic agricultural workers in California's central valley. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*. 70(4): 292-99.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Williams, David R., Siefert, Kristine, Jackson, James S., Nowjack-Raymer, Ruth. 2010. Oral health disparities: Psychosocial correlates of self-rated oral health in the National Survey of American Life. *American Journal of Public Health*. 100(S1):S246-S255.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Brown, Timothy T., Fulton, Brent, Jahedi, Salar. 2009. Adult oral health status in California, 1995-2006: Demographic factors associated with tooth loss due to disease. *Journal of the California Dental Association*. 37(8): 561-570.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Fulton, Brent, Jahedi, Salar. 2009. The demand for dental care and financial barriers in accessing needed care among adults in California. *Journal of the California Dental Association*. 37(8): 539-47.

Brown, Timothy T., Goryakin, Yevgeniy, **Finlayson, Tracy L.** 2009. The effect of functional limitations on the demand for dental care among adults 65 and older. *Journal of the California Dental Association*. 37(8):539-558.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Siefert, Kristine, Ismail, Amid, and Sohn, Woosung. 2007. Psychosocial factors and Early Childhood Caries among low-income African American children in Detroit. *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology*. 35(6):439-448.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Siefert, Kristine, Ismail, Amid, and Sohn, Woosung. 2007. Mother's self-efficacy and 1-5 year old children's brushing habits. *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology* 35(4): 272-81.

Siefert, Kristine, **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Williams, David R., Delva, Jorge, and Ismail, Amid. 2007. Modifiable risk and protective factors for depressive symptoms in low-income African American mothers. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 77(1):113-23.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, and Scheffler, Richard M. 2007. How do we measure shortages of dental hygienists and dental assistants? Evidence from California: 1997-2005. *Journal of the American Dental Association* 138(1):94-100.

Delva, Jorge, Tellez, Marisol, **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Gretebeck, Kimberlee, Siefert, Kristine, Williams, David R., and Ismail, Amid. 2006. Cigarette smoking among low-income African American women. *Ethnicity and Disease* 16(2):527-33.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Siefert, Kristine, Ismail, Amid I., Delva, Jorge, & Sohn, Woosung. 2005. Reliability and validity of brief measures of oral health-related knowledge, fatalism, and self-efficacy in mothers of African American children. *Pediatric Dentistry* 27:422-28.

Delva, Jorge, Tellez, Marisol, **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Gretebeck, Kimberlee A., Siefert, Kristine, Williams, David R., and Ismail, Amid. 2005. Cigarette smoking among low-income African Americans: A serious public health problem. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 29(3): 218-220.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Moyer, Cheryl A., and Sonnad, Seema S. 2004. Assessing symptoms, disease severity and quality of life in the clinical context: A theoretical framework. *The American Journal of Managed Care* 10(5): 336-44.

PAPER UNDER REVIEW

Finlayson, Tracy L., Gansky, Stuart A., Shain, Sara G., Weintraub, Jane A. Dental utilization among children in agricultural worker families. Revisions resubmitted in December 2013 to JDOCE.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PAPERS

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson Tracy**, Jahedi, Salar. Preliminary Findings: Access to dental care for California's adult immigrants and their children: Empirical analyses, policy simulations, and recommendations. California Program on Access to Care Findings, June 2008.

Finlayson Tracy L., Adams, Neal, Rice, Jennifer, Felton, Mistique, Brown, Timothy T., Scheffler, Richard M. California on the Eve of Mental Health Reform - Baseline report on county mental health departments' structure, financing and expenditures, fiscal year 2003-04: One year prior to the Mental Health Services Act. Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare Report Series, November, 2007.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson Tracy L.**, Scheffler, Richard M. An Economic Analysis of the Labor Market for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants in California: 1997 – 2005. California Dental Association Foundation, Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare Report Series, November, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L. 2001. Oral health care access issues for Head Start's Indian programs. *National Head Start Bulletin*, 71:34.

Finlayson, Tracy L. 2001. The implication of culture on oral health practices in migrant Head Start programs. *National Head Start Bulletin*, 71:32-33.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, and Scheffler, Richard M. 2006. An economic analysis of the labor market for dental hygienists and assistants in California: 1997-2005. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 66 (S1):37.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Finlayson, Tracy L., Zschaschel, Diana, Johnson, Maleika, Cuevas, Sergio, Anderson, Denise, Hansen, Zachary*, Rayate, Sanskruti*. Oral health needs assessment for adults with developmental disabilities: Preliminary findings. Poster presentation at the National Primary Oral Health Conference in Denver, CO on November 11, 2013. Oral presentation at SDSU Student Research Symposium on March 8, 2014.

Stapleton, Shauna*, **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Britt, Angelitta, Parker, Lauren, Hunte, Haslyn. Correlates of past year dental visits among black men: Findings from the 2011 black men's health study of Indiana. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA on November 4, 2013.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Beck, Audrey, Lin, Shih-Fan, Finch, Brian. Temporal trends in oral health: Understanding the role of social conditions. Poster presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on April 12, 2013, and poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA on November 3, 2013.

Sanders, Anne E., Beck, James D., Kaste, Linda M., Mauriello, S.M., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Jiminez, Monik C., Singer, Richard H., Badner, Victor M., Beaver, S.M., Youngblood, M.E. Heterogeneity in periodontitis prevalence among major Hispanic/Latino populations: HCHS/SOL cohort. Oral presentation at the International Association of Dental Research Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, March 22, 2013.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Gansky, Stuart A., Shain, Sara G., Weintraub, Jane A. Relationship between mothers' report of their children's oral health and children's clinical conditions among farmworker families. Oral presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, October 29, 2012.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Gansky, Stuart A., Shain, Sara G., Weintraub, Jane A. Dental utilization by children in Hispanic agricultural worker families. Oral presentation, International Association for Dental Research, Annual Meeting in San Diego, March 18, 2011.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Lee, Shawna J., Oyserman, Daphna. Identity-based motivation and smoking among low income African American adults. Poster presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, October 27, 2008.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Gansky, Stuart A., Shain, Sara G., Weintraub, Jane A. Dental utilization by adult Hispanic agricultural workers in California's central valley. Oral presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, October 28, 2008.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Fulton, Brent, Jahedi, Salar, Scheffler, Richard. Oral health and access to care among adults in California. Refereed. Poster presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, October 29, 2008.

Finlayson, Tracy L. and Eklund, Stephen A. Michigan's '*Healthy Kids Dental*' demonstration program: A four year report. AcademyHealth poster, Seattle, June 25, 2006. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting oral presentation, Boston, November 6, 2006.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, and Scheffler, Richard M. An economic analysis of the labor market for dental hygienists and assistants in California: 1997-2005. Oral presentations, National Oral Health Conference, Little Rock, May 2, 2006, and AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 26, 2006. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting poster, Boston, November 6, 2006.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Siefert, Kristine and Ismail, Amid. Social cognitive, behavioral, and psychosocial predictors of young African American children's oral health. Posters at the National Oral Health Conference in Pittsburgh on May 2, 2005, and at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in Boston on June 26, 2005. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on December 12, 2005.

Siefert, Kristine; **Finlayson, Tracy L.**; Ismail, Amid; Delva, Jorge; Williams, David; Amaya, Ashley; Lepkowski, James. Poverty, perceived discrimination and parenting stress in African American mothers of young children. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on December 13, 2005.

Delva, Jorge; Tellez, Marisol; **Finlayson, Tracy L.**; Gretebeck, Kimberlee A.; Siefert, Kristine; Williams, David R.; Ismail, Amid. Cigarette smoking among low-income African Americans: A hidden, neglected, and growing public health problem. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on December 13, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L., Lee, Shawna, and Oyserman, Daphna. Social identity and the perceived efficacy of and engagement in health behaviors among a low-income, minority community sample. Poster at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in Boston on June 27, 2005 and American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on December 12, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L.; Siefert, Kristine; Ismail, Amid. Social cognitive, behavioral, and psychosocial predictors of young children's oral health. Poster presentation at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in Boston on June 26, 2005.

Siefert, Kristine; **Finlayson, Tracy L.**; Ismail, Amid; Delva, Jorge and Williams, David R. Modifiable Poverty-Related Risk Factors for Depression in African American Mothers. Poster presentation, Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Miami, January 14, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L.; Siefert, Kristine; Frisch, Keri and Ismail, Amid. Self-efficacy and oral health in low-income African American children and their mothers in Detroit. Poster presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 5, 2004.

Siefert, Kristine; **Finlayson, Tracy L.**; Ismail, Amid; Delva, Jorge and Williams, David R. Modifiable risk factors for maternal depression in poor African American women. Oral presentation, Bruno Lima Symposium on Mental Health Issues among Minority Populations, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 5, 2004.

Finlayson, Tracy L. and Eklund, Stephen A. Predicting the proportion of enrolled children by age and county using dental services under Michigan's 'Healthy Kids Dental' demonstration program. Oral presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 17, 2003.

Kronebusch, Karl; **Finlayson, Tracy L.** and Pollack, Harold A. Sick and Uninsured Adults. Poster presentation, Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy Annual Research Meeting, Washington D.C., June 23, 2002.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Finlayson, Tracy L. Current oral health and public health research in San Diego. San Diego 2014 Oral Health Forum. Oral presentation, San Diego, CA, March 6, 2014.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Can enhancing self-efficacy help improve oral health behaviors? Exploring psychosocial determinants of oral health: Moving beyond traditional individual factors. Two invited sessions at the International Conference of Oral Public Health, Department of Oral Public Health and Epidemiology, School of Dentistry, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Mexico City, Mexico. February 6-7, 2014.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Oral health and health behavior. Live video-conference oral presentation with the University of São Paulo, Brazil. August 7, 2013.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Temporal trends in oral health disparities. Oral presentation, Oral Health Inequalities Team Meeting in Ann Arbor, MI, June 22, 2012.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Young children's oral health: Findings from research. Oral presentation, Council of Community Clinics, First 5 Oral Health Initiative, Dental Care Coordinators Meeting, San Diego, CA. January 19, 2012.

Finlayson, Tracy L. How to conduct focus groups: tips for facilitators. Oral presentation/training, San Ysidro Health Center, Research Department, San Ysidro, November 5, 2010.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Scientific approaches to reducing oral disease in disparate populations. Oral presentation, American Association for the Advancement of Sciences Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. February 20, 2010.

Brown, Timothy T., **Finlayson, Tracy L.**, Jahedi, Salar. California Oral Health Briefing. Access to dental care for California's adult immigrants and their children. Sacramento, CA. June 26, 2008.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Qualitative data analysis: Pros and cons in using Atlas.ti software. Oral presentation/training for San Diego County. San Diego, CA. December 10, 2008.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Guest Lecture, University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry Dental Public Health Seminar Series (DPH 175). Michigan's Medicaid '*Healthy Kids Dental*' program: Assessment of the first five years. April 17, 2007.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Guest Lecture, University of California, Berkeley Health Policy Research Seminar. California's Mental Health Services Act: An opportunity for transformation. April 19, 2006.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Guest Lecture, University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry Dental Public Health Seminar Series (DPH 175). Mothers' self-efficacy and oral health in low-income African American children in Detroit. May 10, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Evidence base for social determinants and oral health promotion. Plenary speaker at the National Oral Health Conference in Pittsburgh on May 4, 2005.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Speaker, University of Michigan Workshop for integrating and discussing topics in healthcare. Self-efficacy beliefs and oral health in low-income African American children and their caregivers in Detroit. March 5, 2004.

Siefert, Kristine; **Finlayson, Tracy L.**; Ismail, Amid; Delva, Jorge and Williams, David R. Household food insufficiency and other modifiable risk factors for maternal depression in poor African American women. Poster presentation, Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research, Washington D.C., March 11, 2004.

Finlayson, Tracy L. Case studies: An inter-organizational health partnership example. Oral presentation, University of Michigan Qualitative Research Conference in Ann Arbor on May 8, 2003.

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

Boca Sana, Cuerpo Sano. Implementation grant. 9/1/13-8/31/14
Engaging Communities to Reduce Oral Health Disparities Among Mexican Migrant families in North San Diego (\$175,000 total; \$40,000 SDSU subcontract)
National Community Committee Oral Health Initiative funded by DentaQuest Foundation
Role: PI

Boca Sana, Cuerpo Sano. Planning Grant. 9/1/12-8/31/13
Engaging Communities to Reduce Oral Health Disparities Among Mexican Migrant families in North San Diego (\$125,000 total; \$40,000 SDSU subcontract)
National Community Committee Oral Health Initiative funded by DentaQuest Foundation

Role: PI

Glass Ionomer Sealant and Fluoride Varnish Randomized Clinical Trial 8/1/08-7/31/15
(GIFVT) to Prevent Early Childhood Caries (NIH/NIDCR Grant #U54DE019285)
Ramos-Gomez, Featherstone, Finlayson, Gansky, Jue, Weintraub.
Role: Co-Investigator. PI: Francisco Ramos-Gomez, DDS, MS, MPH

COMPLETED RESEARCH GRANTS

San Diego State University Grant Program 1/15/09-12/31/10
“Project Sparkle” - Maternal psychosocial correlates of preschool aged children’s oral health-related practices in Hispanic families: A qualitative study (\$9,545)
Role: PI

Project Sirocco: Environmental Tobacco Smoke Reduction in Preteens 2/1/08-1/31/09
San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health
Center for Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health (NIH/NHLBI Grant: R01 HL066307)
Role: Co-Investigator. PI: Melbourne F. Hovell, PhD

California Program on Access to Care Grant 7/1/07-9/30/08
Access to dental care among immigrants and their children in California (\$51,033)
University of California, Berkeley - School of Public Health
Hu, Brown, Fulton, Finlayson. Role: Researcher. PI: Teh-wei Hu, PhD

University of Michigan, Walter J. McNerney Leadership Award 10/1/03-9/30/04
Competitive University of Michigan Department of Health Management and Policy grant supporting exploratory health research conducted by young investigators (\$15,500)
Social identity and health
Finlayson, Lee, Oyserman. Role: PI

NIH/NIDCR Minority Research Supplement 8/1/03-7/31/04
Funds supporting dissertation research, including primary data collection through two community focus groups (\$1,500 for data collection; \$38,170 total support; NIH/NIDCR Parent Grant: U54 DE14261)
Role: Trainee. Mentors: Kristine A. Siefert and Amid Ismail

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Public Health Dentistry
International Association for Dental Research - American Association for Dental Research
American College of Healthcare Executives - San Diego Organization of Healthcare Leaders
American Public Health Association (Oral Health and Maternal & Child Health Sections)

SERVICE

Intramural Service

San Diego State University

International Health Committee member (2007-9)

Health Services Administration Division Faculty Search Committee (member: 2007-8, 2010-1; chair: 2013-4)

Pre-professional Health Committee member (2008)

Student Research Symposium Judge (2008)

Health Careers Opportunity Program mentor (2010-11)

Health Management & Policy Division Admissions Chair (2010; 2014), member (2011-3)

Performance and Evaluation Committee member (2010-)

Joint Doctoral Program Dissertation Committee member (2010-)

Extramural Service

Journal peer-review service:

Journal of the American Dental Association

Health Education Research

Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology

American Journal of Public Health

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved

Journal of Public Health Dentistry

Caries Research

Other service and activities:

- American Public Health Association Oral Health Section: abstract reviewer (2005-); local committee chair (2008); Anthony Westwater Jong Award judge (2012) and Chair (2014)
- San Diego County Share the Care Dental Initiative Advisory Board member (2007-); Oral Health Forum Planning Committee member (2013)
- Expert testimony provided at the San Diego City Council Hearing with the San Diego Fluoridation Coalition (June 10, 2008)
- NIH/NIDCR Early Childhood Caries Collaborative - Behavioral Intervention Working Group - member (2008 - 2009)
- NIH/NIDCR Early Childhood Caries Collaborative - Social/Behavioral Measure Working Group – Chair (2008 - 2009)
- American Public Health Association Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award Judging Panel member (2009-11)
- San Diego Organization of Healthcare Leaders Board member (2013-)
- University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTRI) member (2013-)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses

Public Health (PH) 648, Health Policy (3 units; required graduate level course)

Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014

Public Health (PH) 641, Introduction to Health Services (3 units; required graduate level course)

Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Public Health (PH) 605, Health Services Administration (3 units; required graduate level course)

Spring 2009 (only 2 units), Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012
Public Health (PH) 450, Public Health Policy (3 units; undergraduate elective course)
Spring 2009, Spring 2010

Guest Lectures

Public Health (PH) 101 Introduction to Public Health (3 units)
4/29/10 (103 undergraduate students); 5/4/09, 5/6/09 (121 undergraduate students)
Public Health 662 Motivating Health Behavior (3 units)
4/20/09 (36 graduate students), Title: Brief overview of U.S. public health policy
Biology 340A, Preventive Dentistry (1 unit), 9/29/08 (14 undergraduate students), Title: Dental Public Health and Oral Health Disparities

Masters' Theses, Chair

Completed 2013

Giang Nguyen, MPH (Spring 2013)

Management project title: Beginning an ERM System at the Hospital, starting with Risk Assessment

Completed 2012

Elaine Lam, MPH (Fall 2012)

Management project title: Health insurance eligibility verification: A strategy to reduce errors

Tracy Negus, MPH (Spring 2012)

Management project title: Study of alternatives for standardized data collection during military humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions

Jaleisha Jacobs, MPH (Spring 2012)

Thesis title: A Comparative Analysis of State Practice Laws for Nurse Practitioners

Shannon Rohall, MPH (Summer 2012)

Management project title: Patient profile analysis of urban clinic cohort with actual and perceived disabilities: Guide for clinics looking to better address the healthcare and psychosocial needs of a disabled patient population

Completed Spring 2011

Lauren Abrams, MSW/MPH.

Thesis title: The effects of Proposition 63 on mental services and outcomes

Amanda Carlson, MPH.

Master paper title: Nonprofit Hospital Tax Exemption: Who is benefitting?

Deanna Engstrom, MPH.

Management project title: Palliative medicine consult service, Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista
Nicole Fowler, MPH.

Management project title: Cost-benefit analysis of the Coverage Initiative program

Shilpi Priyadarshini, MPH.

Master paper title: Assessment of the impact of health disparities on adolescents

Robert Randolph, MPH, RD

Management project title: Cost analysis of the unit-based councils: Benefit of a system-wide shared governance structure

Completed Spring 2010

Cody Johansen, MPH.

Master paper title: Quality improvement of depression care literature review

Aaron Nisley, MPH

Master paper title: U.S. health care reform 2009-2010: Proposals for an improved health care system

Kate Sieppel, MPH

Master paper title: Wrong site surgery: A review of the problem and strategies for prevention

Donald Skelton, MPH

Master paper title: Childhood obesity: California's policy approach targeting school systems

Audrey Wakefield, MPH

Master paper title: Disparities and African-Americans' use of mental health care services

Completed Spring 2009

Christine McClendon, MPH.

Management project title: Alvarado Hospital - Hospice referral and barriers to hospice enrollment: how can we improve?

Myrna Torresday, MPH.

Master paper title: U.S. health coverage: An overview of its volatile health insurance structure, a current review of the literature

Completed Spring 2008

DiAna Medina, MPH.

Thesis title: The role of parents in their child's usual source of care in San Diego County

Scott Belton, MPH.

Management project title: Demand for outpatient physical therapy clinics at the Veteran's Administration San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS)

Roberto Balderas, MPH.

Master paper title: Issues in hospital/health system disaster preparedness: A review of current literature

Melissa Adams, MPH.

Master paper title: Clinical pathways in healthcare quality control

Kathi Storevik, MPH.

Master paper title: Oral health of special needs children and the challenges they face: A literature review

Nakeisha Dreher, MPH.

Master paper title: Utilization patterns of mental health services among African Americans: Identifying and overcoming the barriers

Dissertation Committee

Timothy K. Mackey (Chairs: T. Novotny and B. Liang – Spring 2013)

Masters' Theses, Reader

Roxana Said (Chair: P. Usita – Spring 2013)

Anne McKersie (Chair: A. Koch - Summer 2011)

Chris Murphy (Chair: M. Garrett - Fall 2010)

David Vuong (Chair: K.M. Peddecord– Spring 2010)

Vineta Ghuyre (Chair: R. Seidman– Fall 2009)

Kaeley Shannon (Chair: H. Lemus– Spring 2009)

Frederica Law (Chair: A. Koch– Spring 2009)

Jenna Kirschenman (Chair: A. Koch– Spring 2009)

Dalila Butler (Chair: J. Mayer– Spring 2009)

Rocio Gonzalez Beristain, MPH (Chair: G. Talavera - Spring 2008)

Nicki Loebach, MSW/MPH (Chair: A. Koch - Spring 2008)

Jennifer Nicol, MPH (Chair: G. Ayala – Fall 2007)

Other Student Mentoring

Zachary Hansen, MPH candidate

Special study for graduate students, Public Health 798 (3 units), Spring 2014.

Project title: Dental needs assessment among developmentally disabled adults in San Diego county

Pegah Lak

Special study for undergraduates, Public Health 499 (3 units), Spring 2014.

Martin Riegels (Co-mentoring with Dr. Ayala & Jamie Moody, Fall 2013)

Health Promotion and Health Management exchange student from the University of Applied Sciences

Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany

Morgan McDaniel

Special study for undergraduates, Public Health 499 (3 units), Spring 2013

Andreia Morales-Cascaes, DDS, M.Sc (Co-mentoring with Dr. Ayala, July 2012-February 2013)

Visiting epidemiology doctoral exchange student from Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil

Daniela Calderon

Undergraduate McNair Scholar, UCSD/SDSU Health Career Opportunity Program, Summer 2011

SDSU Student Research Symposium 2011 Oral Presentation, March 4, 2011

James (JD) Bomar, MPH candidate

Special study for graduate students, Public Health 798 (3 units), Spring 2011.

Project title: Disparities in dental utilization among diabetics in San Diego county

Karina Gil

Special study for undergraduates, Public Health 499 (3 units), Spring 2011

Undergraduate McNair Scholar, UCSD/SDSU Health Career Opportunity Program, Summer 2010