In 1998 in the Mt. Sinai Journal of Medicine, Nivet and colleagues observed: “The underrepresentation of underrepresented minorities in the healthcare professions has a profoundly negative effect on public health, including serious racial and ethnic health disparities.” The disparities are real and have been documented in many, many ways. In my research, my colleagues and I observed that parents who shake a young child and are Black are much more likely to be charged and convicted of a class A, B or C felony and receive longer sentences; race was more important than the child’s death in predicting severity of criminal charges!

Diversity of providers in health care, law and other professions is not about training practitioners who look like the patients to take care of them. This solution has troubling ethical implications if it means making minority health issues the responsibility of minority physicians, segregating of health care, and turning diversity into a matching program for patient comfort without regard to outcome. Diversity has a far more important role in health and in medical research. We need a diversity of perspectives on the significance, origin, and treatment of conditions to develop better treatments and approaches. We need to know such things as that medical treatment of pyloric stenosis is possible and even frequent in some settings; practitioners in different cultures have different but effective interventions that can inform our own practice and give us alternatives when clinical circumstances require. As researchers, we need good questions; examination of practices in different cultures or by different specialists can lead to new insights. With knowledge of a broader range of practices or alternative data in other cultures, we are better prepared to answer our questions. As Clinical Scholars, we all quickly realize that our best collaborators are not distinguished by a match on specialty or cultural characteristics but by shared areas of inquiry. Diversity in the Clinical Scholars program is marked both by examining the health of different cultural groupings in society and shared conduct of comparative research that can improve the health of the public. It’s the work and the questions and the background brought to help inform all of us.
In this issue of our newsletter, we are featuring the work of Clinical Scholars and alums addressing health disparities in a range of ways and settings. An article by Linah Lubin Colgrove at IQ Solutions, Inc., our partner in media and communications, we learn about the work of Scholars Rosette Chakkalakal, Gerardo Moreno, Lisa DeCamp, Matt O’Brien, Michael Rodriguez, and Efrain Talamantes. Their projects address language, mentorship, and access to care. Their work has all prospered in an environment where connecting to the community and partnered research have become standard for Scholars. It’s an impressive compilation although we know if is incomplete. We remain interested in hearing from all of you about work you are doing addressing health disparities. Please call our attention to other equally meritorious work being done in other settings. This is important work and our colleagues and the Foundation are interested in hearing about it.

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Clinical Scholars Snapshot: Collaborative Community Research and the Latino Health Care Workforce Pipeline

Linah Lubin Colgrove, IQ Solutions, Inc.

We all know someone who has been frustrated with some aspect of the health care system. A physician learning that a patient isn’t taking his medication; a patient feeling a lack of empathy from her doctor; the shared frustration of navigating the complexities of health insurance—none of these scenarios is unfamiliar to many of you.

But what if another layer of frustration is added? What if a person who is gravely ill does not speak English and has to rely on a non-medical bystander to interpret the doctor’s orders? What happens if someone doesn’t qualify for insurance or can’t afford his medicine? What if fear of stigma keeps him from making a necessary visit to the emergency room? Unfortunately, these “what if” circumstances create a common reality for many underserved and immigrant populations, particularly in Latino communities. And this reality exists for Latinos in cities and neighborhoods all across the country—even in the shadow of some of the nation’s best medical and academic centers.

While many individuals and institutions, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), are making efforts to reduce barriers to quality health care, there is still much work to be done on the research level, community level, and training level—that is, in building the pipeline that directs Latinos to medical school and careers in medicine.

Through research and community-based work, Clinical Scholars and alumni are raising the bar for the quality of care that’s provided to underserved populations. Since 2005, community-based participatory research (CBPR) and community-partnered research training and practice have been integral to the Clinical Scholars program. As a result, scholars get valuable hands-on experience working with community partners to create new programs or improve existing ones that change people’s lives—including their own.

Making it Family-centric

“It was my opportunity to learn from the community,” says Clinical Scholar alumna Rosette Chakkalakal, MD (‘10–‘12), of the community-based participatory research she engaged in while in the Clinical Scholars program at Yale. Based on her clinical experience caring for immigrant patients during medical school and residency,
Chakkalakal entered her fellowship seeking to improve the delivery of health care to immigrant communities. She met with a community partner from a federally qualified health center in Fair Haven—located in New Haven, Conn.—during her interview for the Clinical Scholars program. She learned right away about the opportunities she would have to collaborate with Fair Haven’s large Latino population.

Chakkalakal started as an observer of two community health programs that had been adapted to the Latino population of Fair Haven by the community health center—the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) for prediabetic adults and the Bright Bodies program for overweight and obese children. Since both programs focused on the importance of exercise and healthy eating, Chakkalakal and her community partners wondered if there might be benefits to integrating the two programs so that parents and their kids could learn about diabetes prevention together. In collaboration with the directors and coordinators of both programs, as well as faculty mentors from the Clinical Scholars program, Chakkalakal’s team developed a quality-improvement project that combined the adult and child programs into one family-centric program. It was a move that honored the culture of the participants while maintaining the integrity of both programs (Rosette Chakkalakal, et al. “Preventing Diabetes Among Fair Haven Families: A Community-based Approach to Quality Improvement.” Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 23, 2012). Of the experience, Chakkalakal says she learned that community-based participatory research is an “essential skill set for helping immigrants in any population.”

No Longer Lost in Translation

A native Spanish speaker who grew up in a migrant farm community and was the first in his family to attend college, Clinical Scholar alumnus Gerardo Moreno, MD, MSHS (’07–’10), knew that it took more than simply translating language to be able to communicate effectively in a clinical setting. Moreno and his colleagues—including current Clinical Scholars—recently completed a study on how the quality of interpreters for Spanish-speaking patients affects self-reported outcomes for the quality of communication between a doctor and a patient. “A lot of barriers Spanish-speaking Latinos were facing are related to language, but there is more to it than that,” says Moreno. Patients have to be able to communicate with their doctor, but in some cases there isn’t a professional interpreter or a clinician who speaks Spanish, and the only option is to ask a janitor or other bystander who is not invested in the patient’s care and may not interpret everything accurately. Moreno and his colleagues looked at other measures, including listening time, how easy or difficult the words were, and how long doctors spent with their patients using an interpreter. His work stems from an existing RWJF grant initiative, Hablamos Juntos (Together We Speak), meant to improve communication between health care providers and their patients with limited English proficiency.

Asking Those Who Care the Most

Clinical Scholar alumna Lisa DeCamp, MD, MSPH (’08–’11), found that breaking down barriers to quality care was achieved by building a new role for Latino community members invested in their children’s care. DeCamp, who participated in CBPR during her time as a Clinical Scholar in Michigan, is now a pediatrician at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore.
Roughly half the pediatric primary care clinic population at Hopkins-Bayview is made up of children in immigrant Latino families. With the help of a grant, DeCamp has helped create the Latino Family Advisory Board for the pediatric unit at the clinic. Participants generally speak little English and are low-income, but they keep coming to meetings to be a part of the clinic improvement. These board members weigh in on decisions, and lend a hand designing brochures that help others who struggle with low literacy. At a recent meeting, board members gave input on more effective Spanish-language signage in the emergency department. DeCamp finds that because this group is involved in making decisions, they have a stake in the outcome. “This work is a great example of the medical system interfacing with the community,” says DeCamp. Even a large academic medical center such as Johns Hopkins values the role of these community members, who are now advocates for their families, neighborhoods, and the entire community.

**Being a Part of the Community**

A short train ride away from Baltimore, Clinical Scholar alumnus Matt O’Brien MD, MSc. (’07–’10), currently serves as the medical director for a south Philadelphia health center he co-founded called Puentes de Salud (Bridges to Health), which serves a local Latino population. O’Brien began doing health advocacy work in the Latino community during his residency and came to Philadelphia with an interest in providing direct services. What differentiates Puentes de Salud from other community health centers? “We target acute medical needs, but we also tackle the social determinants of health,” says O’Brien. Several of the center’s programs have active education components that indirectly affect patients’ health. For example, they started a tutoring program three years ago that now has about 50 children enrolled and a full waiting list. Kids get homework help, do art projects with a local Mexican American artist, and hear talks from medical students about the importance of getting a flu shot. But it didn’t fall into place overnight. O’Brien began building relationships within the community—attending the same church and community events for three years—before coming in to build a clinic. By the time the center was in business, he and his staff had become part of the neighborhood. The community became a part of the health center too, with Latinos represented on the board of directors and partnerships forged with local businesses and services. Now O’Brien has a largely volunteer physician staff, two nurse practitioners, a nurse, a psychologist, and a thriving community health worker program where the focus of research intersects with work in the clinic. He attributes his success to his time as a Clinical Scholar. “It’s the only program that offers such unique training,” says O’Brien. “It’s one-stop shopping—research, clinical work, leadership and advocacy skills—it’s all in the [Clinical Scholars] program.”

**Growing the Latino Workforce**

Beyond CBPR and making inroads within a community, an important way to reduce barriers to quality care is to grow the workforce of medical professionals caring for Latinos. Speaking the language and understanding the culture can be a critical asset when it comes to gaining patients’ trust and helping them with decision-making. And it all starts with the pipeline.

For Clinical Scholar Efrain Talamantes, MD, MBA (VA Scholar ’12–’14), whose research focuses on migration and health as well as healthcare workforce development, the most important part of working with the Latino population is being a mentor to high schoolers near where he grew up in Southern California. “They are the future, and they see their future when they see people who look like them be successful,” says Talamantes. As part of an initiative...
called Alliance in Mentorship (AIM), Talamantes worked with a team of mostly Latino students, residents, physicians, and various outreach organizations to develop a toolkit for mentors to help Latino high school and college students build skills and examine opportunities for pursuing medicine. AIM is a community of health care professionals and students throughout the country committed to mentoring aspiring health professionals, and much of their work is done via social media and in-person meetings with students.

To Talamantes, “paying forward” his experience by mentoring others is his passion. “If we create an alliance of resources to support underrepresented students, we can influence new generations of physicians who are eager to serve our communities,” he says.

Building the Pipeline

As a board member for The Latino Coalition for a Healthy California and an advisor for the Latino Medical Student Association, Clinical Scholar alumnus Michael Rodriguez, MD, MPH ('92–94), knows how critical mentoring and training are to building the pipeline for Latinos in medicine. Rodriguez, who holds several positions at UCLA—including Director of the Blum Center at UCLA addressing Poverty and Health in Latin America—has advised and mentored trainees for nearly thirty years.

“As the son of immigrants from Mexico and El Salvador who did not graduate from high school, my work is partially guided by the principle of working with and giving back to my community, which includes helping colleagues early in their careers—just as I was helped” says Rodriguez. “I am inspired by and learn from this process that provides me with new perspectives on how to promote health equity and social justice and to keep the UFW* ‘Si se puede!’† mentality.”

There’s no doubt that this small group of Clinical Scholars and alumni has had an enormous and long-lasting impact on individuals and entire communities—and these are only a few highlights of the many examples of work being done to help the underserved. As the Latino population in this country continues to grow, and as the health care system changes, there’s also no doubt that the entire medical profession needs to pay more attention to prevention efforts, community-based participatory research, and reducing barriers to health care. Like these Clinical Scholars, everyone in the medical field needs to be aware of the importance of building up the health care workforce, especially among populations who are underrepresented in health care professions.

There’s a health care workforce pipeline that runs from neighborhoods and communities to colleges, medical schools, and medical practices. Together, we can keep building the pipeline and help guide the future of health and health care in all communities. How will you help?

*United Farm Workers of America
†Yes, it’s possible!

Learn about RWJF programs that provide opportunities for scholars from underserved, economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds including the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program. Learn more about RWJF’s commitment to diversity in the scholar, fellow, and leadership programs within the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Human Capital Portfolio.
National Advisory Committee – Five New Members

Please join the NPO in welcoming our new RWJF Clinical Scholars National Advisory Committee members. We look forward to their contribution and participation in the program.

Mary Catherine Beach
Associate Professor, School of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society in the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Robert St. Peter (UCSF CSP ‘90-92)
President and CEO
Kansas Health Institute

Stacy Lindau (Chicago CSP ‘00–02)
Tenured Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medicine-Geriatrics, The University of Chicago

Roy Wilson
Deputy Director, Strategic Scientific Planning and Program Coordination
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Angela Diaz
Director, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center
Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York

Scholar Selection for 2014-16 Cohort

The scholar selection process is underway. The deadline for applications is February 28th, 2013. Please direct any potential applicants to our website to complete the application. Please post fliers and ads at your institutions.

http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/scholars/howtoapply

Visit rwjcsp.unc.edu/scholars to download recruitment brochures, fliers and ads.

National Training Site Recompetition

As a reminder, the re-competition of CSP training sites has currently been placed on hold for a larger external RWJF Human Capital portfolio review. Please direct any inquiries to Des Runyan directly.
2013 Clinical Scholars National Meeting

The Clinical Scholars Research Meeting will be held November 11th – 15th at the Emory Conference Center in Atlanta, GA. The NPO will send out a call for abstracts in early May for poster and plenary presentations. We encourage alumni to submit! If selected, the NPO will cover travel expenses (airfare, ground and guest room/meal plan expenses).

PEDIATRICS CSP Special Issue

The special issue featuring current and former scholars’ research on pediatric quality, “Visioning, Measuring, and Improving the Quality of Health Care for Children – Insights from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program” will be released in March 2013 in PEDIATRICS. There will be 11 paper by 9 authors. The NPO thanks lead editor, Lawrence Kleinman (UCLA CSP 90-92), for his leadership and associate editors Paul Chung (Chicago CSP 00-02), Beth Tarini (Washington CSP 04-06), Alex Fiks, Evan Fieldston (Penn CSP 07-10) and Marjorie Rosenthal (UNC/Yale CSP 03-05) for their active support.

SURGERY CSP Special Section

Call for Surgery Research Papers! The NPO has released a call for papers for an add-on compilation of current and former scholars’ surgery research that will be released in a regular issue of SURGERY.

Transforming Surgical and Interventional Care–Insights from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program


http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/emails/20130101_surgery-call-for-papers.html

2013 Applicant Recruitment & Alumni Networking Receptions

We are putting a major emphasis this year on diversity recruitment. As such, we had two recruitment receptions in Houston and Dallas, Texas on Jan. 9th & 10th respectively. The NPO is tentatively planning to sponsor receptions at the upcoming National Hispanic Medical Association and National Medical Association annual meetings.

Additionally, scholars will be hosting recruitment receptions at annual meetings such as the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) annual clinical meeting being held in New Orleans in May – the exact date of reception to be determined. Scholars Heather Smith (Yale CSP) and Nate DeNicola (Penn CSP) will be co-hosting this reception with the national program office.

We welcome alumni and encourage alumni to invite medical students, residents, and fellows. If you are interested in hosting a reception at a specialty or association meeting where potential applicants and CSP alumni will be in attendance, please contact the NPO.
Redesigned Website & Clinical Scholars Directory Launch

We are pleased to launch our newly redesigned website! We have updated the current look of our website and streamlined the site. As before, we maintain a current listing of employment opportunities where we have been contacted by potential employers specifically seeking to hire Clinical Scholars. Check frequently on the website for new opportunities. rwjcspec.unc.edu/employment

We are in the process of redesigning our Clinical Scholar directory to make it more useful and interactive. You will have more extensive searching capabilities for alumni and you can update your own profile at any time. Please note, the information you currently have on file with us will be rolled over to the new directory. It will take time to transfer over everyone’s information. In the meantime, please feel free to update your own profile.

Please be on the look out for an email announcing the Clinical Scholar directory launch which will provide you with instructions for your personal login and information on how to update your profile.

Annual Alumni Survey

The RWJF Board of Trustees is interested and engaged in the success of scholars and alumni. The RWJF Human Capital team would like to be able to speak about scholars and alumni in a meaningful, data driven way. Therefore the team is asking all scholar programs to reach out to alumni and collect information that can be shared with senior management and the Board of Trustees. The Foundation is committed to measuring the impact of its programs, so gaining information on alumni activities is an important part of reporting.

Subsequently, the Clinical Scholars NPO will be sending out a brief survey via email each spring to collect data on alumni accomplishments and publications from the previous calendar year. The survey should take 5-10 minutes. We appreciate your assistance in providing us this feedback. Subsequently, the Clinical Scholars NPO will be sending out a brief survey via email each February to collect data on alumni accomplishments and publications from the previous calendar year.

The Clinical Scholars Program Results Report

The Clinical Scholars Program Results Report covers the full 40 years of the program and provides updated information on the current iteration of the program. We would like to thank program leadership, community partners, and NAC members for their help in updating the report.

Download the report at:


Changes at the Training Site Level

Dr. Katrina Armstrong, co-director of the Clinical Scholars program and a professor of medicine and obstetrics and gynecology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is the first woman to hold the prestigious position. She will join the hospital on April 15 and succeeds Dr. Dennis Ausiello. http://tinyurl.com/akyokdj
Current Scholar Awards and Accomplishments

Roberta Capp (Yale CSP) and her community partner, Project Access-New Haven, were awarded the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation Translational Research Community Partnership grant for their CPBR project “Patient Navigation for Medicaid Enrollees who are ED Frequent Users”.

Timothy Daskivich (UCLA CSP VA Scholar) was awarded support for his Urological Diseases in America (UDA) project, “Comparative Effectiveness of Aggressive versus Non-Aggressive Treatment in Men with Early-Stage Prostate Cancer: The Impact of Comorbid Disease at Diagnosis;” January 7, 2013.

Brandi Kaye Freeman (Penn CSP) received the RWJ Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program at Penn Pilot grant for her project entitled “Developing an Approach to Use Video from Mobile Phones to Enhance Telephone Triage”

David Lee (Penn CSP) was awarded grants from the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and the RWJF Health and Society Scholars Program to pursue his research on hospital closures.

Efrain Talamantes (UCLA CSP VA Scholar) was awarded a $10,000 Physician Investigator Research Award from The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. The award is given to enable physicians to explore the merits of a research idea.

Efrain Talamantes (UCLA CSP VA) and Gerardo Moreno (UCLA CSP) served on a Q&A physician panel at the 2nd Annual Medicos Para El Pueblo (MEDPEP) Pre-Health Conference hosted by Dr. David Hayes-Bautista at UCLA on September 8, 2012. The panel focused on addressing the Latino physician shortage.

Current Scholar Family Updates

Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14) and his wife, Alissa, welcomed Mia Roshni Kanzaria into their family on October 3, 2012.
Current Scholar Publications and Press


**Elizabeth Barnert** (UCLA CSP), Himelstein, S, Herbert, S, Garcia-Romeu, A, Chamberlin, L. “Exploring an Intensive Meditation Intervention for Incarcerated Youth.” Accepted: *Child and Adolescent Mental Health* (in press).

**Jonathan Bergman** (UCLA CSP) and alum **Mark Litwin** (UCLA CSP 91-93) discuss the debate we should be having nationally in regards to healthcare costs. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-bergman-md/health-care-spending-c.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-bergman-md/health-care-spending-c.html)

**Charlene Collier** (Yale CSP) and **Eric Hodgson** (Yale CSP 10-12). “Family Planning and Contraceptive Decision-making by Economically Disadvantaged, African-American Women.” *Contraception* (in press).

**Kelly Doran** (Yale CSP, VA Scholar)


**Hemal Kanzaria** (UCLA CSP):

**Jason Lott** (Yale CSP, VA Scholar)


**BU Today**, Boston University’s campus magazine, featured a story on the innovative course designed by current student **Chen Kenyon** (Penn CSP 11-13). While attending medical school at BU, Kenyon created a patient advocacy course, which filled an unmet need of healthcare providers. [http://www.bu.edu/today/2013/training-med-students-to-become-patient-advocates/](http://www.bu.edu/today/2013/training-med-students-to-become-patient-advocates/)
Sharat (Sharu) Parameswaran (UCLA CSP VA Scholar),

Mitesh S. Patel (Penn CSP VA Scholar),
- has posted a blog piece on the importance of incorporating behavioral economics into systems that encourage health behaviors during everyday activities. http://www.rwjf.org/en/blogs/human-capital-blog/2012/12/creating_a_systemth.html

Lisa Rosenbaum (Penn CSP VA Scholar)

Charles Scales, Jr. (UCLA CSP VA Scholar)
- was interviewed for the December 2012 issue of Health magazine regarding his study “Prevalence of Kidney Stones in the United States.”


Alan Teo (Michigan CSP 11-13) discussed his research on how likely it is for trained professionals to predict violence in mentally ill patients and how it relates to newly proposed mental health gun laws on NPR. http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/01/17/169529792/mental-health-gun-laws-unlikely-to-reduce-shootings

Anita Vashi (Yale CSP 11-13, VA Scholar), along with alums Justin Fox (Yale CSP 10-12), Brendan Carr (Penn CSP 06-08), Joseph Ross (Yale CSP 04-06 and Yale Program Site Associate Director), and Cary Gross (Johns Hopkins CSP 97-99 and Yale Program Site Co-Director) published a study “Use of Hospital-Based Acute Care Among Patients Recently Discharged From the Hospital” in the American Journal of Medicine. http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1558277#qundefined


Alumni Awards and Accomplishments

Dan Bradford, MD, MPH (UNC CSP 03-05) has been selected as the National Program Director for Intensive Case Management Services in VA Central Office, Mental Health Services. Dr. Bradford is now responsible for policy development, training, and oversight for nearly 140 clinical programs nationally serving Veterans with serious mental illnesses using an assertive community treatment model. He will continue to work at Durham VA Medical Center as the Director of the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center and as a faculty member at Duke University Medical Center.

Sarwat Chaudry (Yale CSP, VA Scholar 01-03), has just accepted the position of Director of the Hospitalist Group at Yale University.

Eric Coleman (Washington CSP 95-97) receives a MacArthur Foundation fellowship, which in a recent New York Times article, reporter Felicia Lee describes the fellowships as “awards that can’t be applied for, are the stuff of fantasy.” Dr. Coleman was recognized for his leadership in geriatric and chronic disease care. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/02/arts/macarthurfellows-named-for-2012.html

Tamera Coyne-Beasley (UNC CSP 95-97), a professor in the departments of pediatrics and internal medicine and adjunct professor in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill, was recently appointed as the chair of the adult immunization work group of the U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). She was appointed to the ACIP by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2010 and also serves on the influenza, measles/mumps/rubella and human papillomavirus work groups.

The Board of the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine (FHWIM) has announced that N. Lynn Eckhert (JHU CP 72-75), has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award.

Chris Elias (Washington CSP 88-90) and Tracy Lieu (UCSF CSP 91-93) have been elected members of the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM). According to the Health Affairs blog nomination to the IOM “is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.”

Rebekah Gee (Penn CSP 06-09)

• received the 2012 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) State Leadership Award.

• received a 3 year grant from the Kellogg foundation to make New Orleans one of four national “Best Babies Zone” national sites—a model based on Jeffrey Canada and other’s place based work with the goal of reducing prematurity and infant mortality.

• was invited by Editors of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the official publication of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists known as “The Green Journal,” to be the lead expert on health policy for a year’s worth of columns. This is the first time the journal, the leading source of professional information for obstetricians and gynecologists in the US, has devoted this much space for a single author “expert.” Gee’s Health Policy in Practice series, is designed to help physicians clearly understand and anticipate changes to the practice of medicine through health care reform proposals in order to successfully navigate and them.

Art Kellermann (Washington CSP 83-85), led an Intelligence Squared debate on whether government should have the ability to ration end of life care. http://intelligencesquaredus.org/iq2-tv/item/769-ration-end-of-life-care
Three leadership positions in the national HMO Research Network are all currently held by former University of Washington Clinical Scholars. Eric Larson (CSP 75-77) is immediate past-chair of the Governing Board, John Steiner (CSP 85-87) is the current Governing Board Chair (2013-14), and Greg Simon (CSP 88-90) is the current head of their Asset Stewardship Committee.  

http://www.hmoresearchnetwork.org/home.htm

Raina Merchant (Penn CSP 07-10), along with 9 others, were honored for their leadership in health care with the first ever RWJF Young Leader’s Award to commemorate the foundation’s 40 year anniversary. http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/newsroom-content/2012/10/robert-wood-johnson-foundation-announces-young-leader-awards-win.html

Gerardo Moreno (UCLA CSP 07-10) received an NIA/NIH Paul B. Beeson Career Development Award in Aging Research. This is a 5-year grant that will protect 75% of his time for research and allow him to continue work that he started as a clinical scholar. http://www.afar.org/grantees/years/2012-grantee-summaries

Yale’s Associate Director Marjorie Rosenthal (Yale CSP 03-05), two current scholars Nurit Harari (Yale CSP 11-13) and Anita Vashi (Yale CSP 11-13, VA Scholar), and community partner Barbara Tinney of New Haven Family Alliance have received a three year National Health Institute grant for their work on youth violence.

http://www.yalemedicine.yale.edu/spring2012/features/feature/12181


Anisha Patel (UCLA CSP 06-09), a practicing general pediatrician at University of California-San Francisco was recently awarded the 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics Outstanding Achievement Award. http://pediatrics.ucsf.edu/news-events/anisha-patel-receives-aap-award


Brendan Campbell (Michigan CSP, VA Scholar 00-02) discusses his research and work in child abuse pediatrics on the RWJF Human Capital Blog. In the interview Dr. Campbell also mentions what being a Clinical Scholar meant to him: “The two years I spent as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan were easily the most intellectually stimulating and satisfying of my nine years of post-graduate medical education.”

http://yalemedicine.yale.edu/spring2012/features/feature/121811


In a front page New York Times article, Eric Coleman (Yale CSP, VA Fellow 95-97) and Harlan Krumholz (Yale Program Co-Director), discuss their work advising hospitals on monitoring patient re-admission to comply with new Medicare rules. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/27/health/hospitals-face-pressure-from-medicare-to-avert-readmissions.html

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Margaret Gourlay (UNC CSP 2002-04) was featured in National Institutes of Health blog *NIH Research Matters*. The article identified her study on how often women should have bone tests to be one of several NIH funded clinical breakthroughs for 2012. [http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/january2012/01302012bone.htm](http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/january2012/01302012bone.htm)


Mitchell Katz (UCSF CSP 89-91), Lauren Patty Daskivich (UCLA CSP 10-12, VA Scholar), and Raymond Perry (UCLA CSP 09-12) were all featured in the Los Angeles County Health Service’s newsletter Fast Facts.


was featured in ABC News. October 22, 2012.


Congenital Malformations Associated with Assisted Reproductive Technology: A California Statewide Analysis. Accepted: Journal of Pediatric Surgery.


Raina Merchant (Penn CSP 07-10) published an article in Health Affairs on using new technological tools, such as social media, to improve cardiac care.


Lauren Patty Daskivich (UCLA CSP 10-12) and Carol Mangione (Co-Director, UCLA CSP program site) published a comment in the Archives of Internal Medicine, discussing the viability of using telemedicine and retinal imaging to evaluate diabetic retinopathy. [http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1368351](http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1368351)


Kenric Maynor (Johns Hopkins CSP 04-06) was featured in October 2012 issue of The Hospitalist’s spotlight section. [http://www.the-hospitalist.org/details/article/2682641/Fellow_in_Hospital_Medicine_Spotlight_Kenric_Maynor_MD_MPH_FHM.html](http://www.the-hospitalist.org/details/article/2682641/Fellow_in_Hospital_Medicine_Spotlight_Kenric_Maynor_MD_MPH_FHM.html)

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David Rosenman (Yale CSP 74-76) posted on one of the top rated US medical blogs, kevinmd.com, about the issues facing college campuses in improving veteran healthcare. If you are interested in student veteran care, also visit Wellness Needs of Military Veteran Students Coalition (a part of the American College Health Association). [http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2012/03/improving-healthcare-veterans-college-campusess.html](http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2012/03/improving-healthcare-veterans-college-campusess.html)

Joe Ross (Yale CSP 04-06).


Alumni Personal News

Dr. Peter Guzy (UCLA 76-79) passed away in December. His obituary can be found at the following link: [http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?n=peter-guzy&pid=162014726](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?n=peter-guzy&pid=162014726)

A ceremony honoring Dr. Stephen Thacker (Duke CSP 74-75) was held on February 5, 2013 at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta GA. Dr. Thacker has a serious illness. For updates on Dr. Thacker’s condition and to support him and his family please visit the following: [http://www.teamthacker.com](http://www.teamthacker.com)

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