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I am an epidemiologist with extensive experience driving research on neurological and cardiovascular diseases and cancers with a special interest in environmental health. My work focuses on identifying disease risk and preventive factors broadly impacting aging and susceptible populations using research and real world data sources. I have an established record of providing strategic and methodologic direction to internal and external partners, in academic, clinical, governmental, non-profit and private sector settings. I am a thoughtful and creative scientific leader committed to leveraging science to address gaps in public health of persons locally and globally. My philosophical approach to collaboration originates, in part, with my doctoral training, which emphasized collegiality and has been a common thread of my work since.

EDUCATION

PhD, Epidemiology, University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, 2008

MPH, Community Health Sciences (major), Epidemiology (minor), University of California, Los Angeles, Fielding School of Public Health, 2003

BA, Biological Psychology, University of California, Berkeley, 1995

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Clinical Trials: Medical Device and Drug Development, UC Irvine, 2021

Certificate in College Teaching, Preparing Future Faculty, Claremont Graduate University, 2019

Certificate in Public Health, National Board of Public Health Examiners, 2012 – current

CITI Certifications: Social & Behavioral Research; Responsible Conduct of Research; IRB Chair; IRB Members; Institutional/Signatory Official: HSR; Conflicts of Interest; Health Information Privacy & Security (current)

SAS Base Programmer, SAS Institute, 2012

Geographic Information Science, University of Southern California, 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Collaborative Scientist, 2022 –

Kaiser Foundation Healthplan of Washington

Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI)

- Apply advanced methods to design and conduct inclusive and innovative health outcomes research within a health care delivery system
- Develop and execute epidemiologic studies to better understand dementia and Alzheimer's Disease risk and to improve disease prevention as part of the Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Study
- Utilize research and real world data sources from administrative claims data and electronic health records (EHR) including automated pharmacy and laboratory in observational research studies
- Provide strategic scientific leadership and administrative direction for ACT's research and data infrastructure
- Coordinate efforts of multi-disciplinary investigators from internal and external teams and other ancillary investigators to achieve project goals
- Collaborate with scientists from multiple disciplines (e.g., geriatrics, health services, epidemiology, pharmacogenomics, neuropathology, neuroimaging, psychology) to make direct and substantive scientific contributions
- Develop and implement efficient and effective governance processes suited to large research networks through partnerships with principal investigators and ACT leadership
- Develop effective internal and external communication approaches to fulfill the ACT program's overall objective of being a living laboratory for the study of brain aging including managing study website

- Develop, implement and manage policies and procedures to support data and resource sharing in a complex environment and lead the review of proposals for manuscripts and data requests
- Partner with the ACT Research Program's Project Manager to provide scientific direction
- Lead workgroup tasked with developing strategies to expand the ACT cohort to include new enrollees from diverse socioeconomic, geographic and racial/ethnic backgrounds
- Independently lead and conduct qualitative or quantitative data collection, data cleaning, data interpretation, visualization, and/or analyses
- Lead grant proposals, conduct analyses and disseminate ACT study findings through leading and supporting scientific publications, abstracts and reports
- Elevate the visibility of the study to external audiences by leading the development of the annual ACT symposium and regular speaker series
- Serve as site PI for ancillary ACT studies
- Oversee the continuous quality improvement of the ACT study by conducting evaluations
- Mentor junior scientists and staff

Associate Professor, 2016 – 2021

Director of PhD Program in Health Promotion Sciences, 2018 - 2021

Director of DrPH Program, 2016 – 2018

School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University

- Design, conduct and execute epidemiologic research studies including analyzing data using biostatistic principles. Apply biostatistical and survey techniques and biologic theory to describe and investigate the distribution and determinants of disease and health in human populations
- Teach epidemiology and environmental health courses to masters and doctoral students
- Chair the University IRB, lead human subjects research during COVID-19
- Direct doctoral programs: admissions, academic advising, curriculum and program development, further develop doctoral program guidelines and handbook; responsible for 32 doctoral students
- Develop advanced integrative practicum for DrPH program through partnerships
- Assist with CEPH accreditation and Decennial review of PhD program including contributing to self study, final and interim reports, curriculum mapping and response to external site visit teams
- Assist with strategic planning for school and university
- Successfully pivoted to teaching remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic

Associate Professor of Epidemiology, 2013 – 2016

Director of PhD Program in Epidemiology, 2013 – 2016

School of Public Health, Loma Linda University

- Researched risk and protective factors within the Adventist Health Study-2 cohort study
- Taught environmental and occupational epidemiology course to masters and doctoral students
- Taught Doctoral Seminar in Epidemiology to doctoral students (DrPH and PhD)
- Directed the doctoral program: admissions decisions, curriculum development, write and grade doctoral comprehensive examinations, develop doctoral guidelines; catalog changes, refine graduate programs
- Directed public health practice and service projects
- Assisted with CEPH accreditation self-study

Health Researcher/Program Evaluator

Little Green Fingers Community Garden Collaborative, 2012 – 2017

- Developed a prospective study on health impacts of participating in one of eight community gardens by families and their children aged 0-5 years
- Provided biannual evaluation data to First 5
- Managed a team of project assistants in data collection, management, entry and analysis
- Presented results at conferences, forums, papers and reports

Epidemiologist

Acute Communicable Disease Control, Los Angeles County Dept of Public Health, 2011 – 2012

- Led and coordinated epidemiologic surveillance of influenza and other respiratory viruses for Los Angeles County using data from laboratories, mortality reports, emergency room visits and other syndromic sources
- Conducted epidemiologic investigations of disease outbreaks; drafted control recommendations
- Led lab surveillance of influenza and other respiratory viruses with ten sentinel laboratories
- Built and managed relational disease surveillance databases using MS Access and Excel
- Prepared reports of epidemiologic investigations detailing study design, methods, data collection, environmental health factors and control recommendations; maintained electronic disease outbreak logs

Assistant Researcher

Department of Epidemiology, Fielding School of Public Health, UCLA, 2010 – 2012

- Researched environmental, occupational, behavioral and genetic risk and protective factors for Parkinson's disease and cognitive dysfunction using data from three population-based studies
- Communicated findings in written manuscripts and oral presentations
- Taught graduate seminars focusing on topics including Environmental Epidemiology, Epidemiologic Methods
- Collaborated with investigators from other institutions, coordinate project-related tasks
- Managed projects including developing and maintaining project budgets, adhering to schedules, sub-contracts, supervising PhD students and administrative staff

Post-Doctoral Fellow

Department of Epidemiology, Fielding School of Public Health, UCLA, 2008 – 2010

- Researched environmental, occupational, genetic risk factors for Parkinson's disease using data from three population-based studies
- Supervised PhD students and administrative staff

Senior Scientist

ToxStrategies, 2009 – 2010

- Contributed technical expertise in area of environmental and occupational epidemiology and biostatistics
- Prepared written communications including technical reports, memos and manuscripts
- Developed and coordinated project proposals including tasks, schedule, budget and deliverables

Senior Scientist

Exponent, 2003 – 2009

- Contributed technical expertise in area of environmental and occupational epidemiology and biostatistics
- Reviewed scientific literature to evaluate potential human health risk
- Prepared written communications including reports, technical memos and manuscripts

Project Manager

Center for Health Policy Research, University of California, Los Angeles, 2001 – 2003

- Managed the California Health Interview Survey of complementary and alternative medicine study
- Designed and pilot tested questionnaire
- Assisted with IRB and OMB application submissions
- Contributed to research proposals, analyses and journal articles; develop study reports
- Acted as a site liaison for collaborators at NIH, Westat, and with UCLA survey staff

Intern

HIV Epidemiology Unit, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, 2002

- Provided education and training to laboratory staff and health care providers
- Developed an evaluation tool to assess the effectiveness of training presentations

- Designed an electronic database for data management
- Responded to phone inquiries, disseminated educational materials, conducted on-site training

Research Associate

Department of Radiology, Univ of California San Francisco VA Medical Center, 1998 – 1999

- Performed MRI and spectroscopy studies for patients with neurological diseases and dementias
- Recruited and enroll study participants, obtain clinical information from collaborating centers
- Analyzed, transferred and archived data using both commercial and custom software
- Processed MR images and spectroscopic data: segment brain, identify lesions, perform hippocampal voluming, apply Fourier transformations, “fit” NMR spectral peaks

Clinical Research Assistant

Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Novacor Division for Cardiovascular Research, 1998

- Assisted in compiling a pre-marketing approval submission to the FDA (Medical Devices)
- Wrote case summaries for patients who received a left-ventricular assistive device (LVAD)
- Managed and tracked patient files including case report forms, medical records, correspondence
- Managed data entry and quality control

Clinical Coordinator

Department of Neurology, University of California San Francisco, 1995 – 1998

- Recruited, screened and enrolled eligible families; collected family history information; constructed pedigrees, wrote clinical summaries, acquired and coordinated acquisition of blood samples and lab results
- Maintained study database
- Coordinated collaboration with eighteen participating sites
- Designed, published and distributed newsletters, bulletins and brochures
- Generated reports for papers, meetings and conferences
- Ensured compliance of IRB and Human Subject's Committee; updated protocol consent forms

Research Associate

University of California San Francisco/Mt. Zion Multiple Sclerosis Center, 1994 - 1995

- Performed brief neuropsychological assessments; administered neuropsychological evaluations
- Designed and maintained clinical database; extracted data for papers and presentations

VOUNTARY/ADJUNCT APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Department of Health Systems Science, Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine
- Adjunct Research Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California
- Adjunct Professor, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
- Consulting Research Scientist, Riverside University Health System, Comparative Effectiveness and Clinical Outcomes Research Center (CECORC)
- Consulting Research Scientist, Pomona Valley Hospital and Medical Center
- Adjunct Professor, Center for Public Health Sciences, University of Iceland

TEACHING

University of California, Riverside, 2025

- SEHE 002, Health Equity and Health Justice

University of Iceland, 2021

- LYĐ107F - Epidemiology, Quantitative Methodology
- LYĐ101F - Public Health: Science, Politics, Prevention
- LYĐ104F - Influencers of health, prevention and health promotion

School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University, 2016 – 2021

- CGH 302 – Epidemiology
- CGH 314 – Emerging Chronic and Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- CGH 304 – Environmental and Occupational Health
- CGH 403 – Manuscript Development
- CGH 406 – Advanced Public Health Practicum
- CGH 407A, B, C – Advanced Integrative Public Health Practicum

Loma Linda University School of Public Health, 2013 – 2016

- EPDM 588 Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
- EPDM 606 Doctoral Seminar in Epidemiology

California State University, Northridge, 2012

- HSCI 488 Epidemiology: Study of Disease

Testing for the Public, 1997 – 2001

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparatory course

GUEST LECTURES, SEMINARS OR TRAININGS

- Guest lecturer, SOC 270 Urban Sociology, Occidental College, March 28, 2024
- Seminar, Center of Public Health Sciences, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, “Vaccine acceptance among employees of a County health system”, November 4, 2021
- Lunch & Learn, “Vaccine Acceptance among employees of a County health system”, April 16, 2021 Claremont Graduate University. <https://tinyurl.com/944frck4>
- Guest lecturer, TNDY 408C COVID-19 and Health Systems in the USA and Around the World: “The Epidemiology of COVID-19”, September 3, 2020, Claremont Graduate University. <https://tinyurl.com/y3kq68qf>
- Webinar, “The Epidemiology of COVID-19 at 6 months: 10 things we know and 10 we don’t”, June 19, 2020, Claremont Graduate University. <https://tinyurl.com/ycwe4uqa>
- Speaker, Virtual Rector's Forum, June 20, 2021 “Return to Worship”, All Saints Church, Pasadena. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jo3II50_HWOaRqKf1ej4DJYuh7Q_LGLf/view?usp=sharing
- Panelist, with Deputy Director of the Pasadena Public Health Department, Manuel Carmona, and physician, Giancarlo DiMassa. Virtual Rector's Forum, May 17, 2020 “The Intersection of Race and Covid-19”, All Saints Church, Pasadena. <https://youtu.be/KDgqHgKOD60>

MENTORSHIP

Mentor doctoral, masters and undergraduate students at Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, USC, Loma Linda University, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont McKenna College and UC Berkeley on research, dissertation and public health practice projects from 2012- present.

For a list of students and projects, please see: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-X1gLCINbiCoAiWiEk6uXaytB78FKyKF/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101250588322192644510&rtpof=true&sd=true>

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Chair, IRB, Claremont Graduate University, 2020 – 2021
Member, The Claremont Colleges COVID-19 Safety Planning Group, Testing Subcommittee, 2020 – 2021
Member, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Task Force Course and Teacher Evaluation Working Group, Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), 2019 – 2020
Member, IRB, Claremont Graduate University (CGU), 2018 – 2020
Member, PhD Decennial Review Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2019-2020
Member, Search Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2018 – 2019
Member, University Grievance Committee, CGU, 2018
Member, Research Grievance Committee, CGU, 2019
Member, MPH/DrPH Curriculum Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2016 – 2021
Member, Diversity Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2018 – 2021
Member, CEPH Accreditation Self-Study Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2016 – 2017
Member, MPH Program Community Advisory Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2016-21
Member, MPH Program Steering Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2016 – 2021
Member, Board of Trustees Chairperson's Faculty Advisory Group, CGU, 2017 – 2020
Chairperson, Doctoral Committee in Epidemiology, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, 2014 – 2015
Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies Dean's Award Selection Committee, Loma Linda University, 2015 – 2016
Member, Doctoral Programs Committee, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, 2015 – 2016
Member, Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, 2015 – 2016
Symposia Reviewer, American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, 2013
Film Reviewer, American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, 2023
CPH Ambassador, National Board of Public Health Examiners, 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member, Debs Park Advisory Board, 2012 – 2013

Advisory Board Member, Farmworks, 2010 – 2011

Founder and Director, Milagro Allegro Community Garden, 2008 – 2011

- Lobbied elected officials, community organizations and local municipal officers
- Built garden including designing a layout that would incorporate elements important for urban farming as well as for appearing inclusive to and inviting for the local community; planned construction of garden including identifying building materials that would be both environmentally and financially appropriate; coordinated efforts with volunteers and a Los Angeles chapter of jobs program for youth
- Fundraised and wrote grants to support an operating budget for the garden
- Managed general garden operations budget, project-specific and grant-specific budgets
- Established garden rules, application process, structure and organization of garden for day-to-day operations; Develop by-laws and operation manual for garden
- Developed community education programming for the neighborhood and gardening communities
- Collaborated with partners to involve garden in diverse opportunities that extend the reach of the garden including eco-tours, film screenings, community potlucks, fundraisers, seedling and tree giveaways
- Lectured at conferences, taught seminars and courses on topics relevant to the garden
- Developed and maintained website; Designed media for outreach; maintained mailing list, events calendar
- Mentored youth on various garden-related and garden art projects

Public Health and Safety Director (elected office), Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, 2008 – 2010

Volunteer, Emergency USA, 2008 – 2013

Volunteer, Eagle Rock Farmer's Market, 2006-2010

Consulting Epidemiologist, Back-to-Campus Taskforce, All Saints Church, Pasadena, 2020

Member, Vestry, All Saints Church, Pasadena, 2022 –

- Developed opposition to war vestry resolution
- Lead book discussion group

Journal Reviewer

Environmental Health Perspectives

International Journal of Cancer

Diabetes Care

STOTEN

Nutrition and Metabolism

Journal of Alzheimer's Disease

Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior

BMJ

Childhood Obesity

Journal of Ecology and the Natural Environment

Environmental Health

Public Health Nutrition

JAND

Alzheimer's Research & Therapy

Gene

Hypertension

Journal of Nutrition

Preventive Medicine Reports

Journal of Aging and Health

Journal of the Neurological Sciences

Contemporary Clinical Trials

PeerJ

Biology

Endocrine, Metabolic & Immune Disorders - Drug

Targets

Journal of Clinical Medicine

Cancers

Vaccines

Aging and Mental Health

European Journal of Clinical Investigation

Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience

American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

Journal of Clinical Epidemiology

Advances in Geriatric Medicine and Research

Journal Editorial Board

Cancers, Guest Editor, Special Issue "Environmental Carcinogens and Cancer Risk", 2021 – 2022

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/cancers/special_issues/environmental_carcinogens_cancer_risk

Vaccines, Guest Editor, Special Issue "Safety Among Healthcare Workers: Infection and Vaccination in COVID-19 Pandemic", 2022-2023 https://www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines/special_issues/31Z405CODN

Brain Sciences, Guest Editor, Special Issue "Lifestyle Factors in Neurological Disorders", 2022-2024

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/brainsci/special_issues/E28HP941Z4

Brain Sciences, Guest Editor, Special Issue "Biological, PsychoSocial and Behavioral Factors affecting Cognitive Function in Older Adults", 2024-2025

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/brainsci/special_issues/189Z4C5587

Grant Reviewer

Health Effects Institute

CDC National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)

Alzheimer's Association

Health Canada, Clean Air Regulatory Agenda (CARA) Program

Health and Medical Research Fund, Research Fund Secretariat, Hong Kong

GRASP (Loma Linda University)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Clinical Prediction Models, University of Iceland, 2021

Johns Hopkins Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, 2018

Maximo Novel, Spanish language immersion course, Guatemala, 2019
Graduate coursework in Neuroscience, UC Davis 1999-2000

ADVOCACY

Health Ambassador, Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles, 2017-2019
Member, Rapid Response Team, All Saints Episcopal Church, 2014 – 2018
Member, Climate Change Task Force, All Saints Episcopal Church, 2014 – current

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fulbright Specialist (Environmental Health & Epidemiology), University of Cartagena, Colombia, May 2022

- Consulted on two projects at the University of Cartagena (1) Pilot study of health effects among populations exposed to aerial spraying of glyphosate in areas with illegal cultivation; (2) Human health risk assessment and pilot study of fracking by the National Hydrocarbons Agency (ANH) in the population of the Puerto Wilches municipality
- Provided research seminars to undergraduate and graduate students at the Universidad de Cartagena and the Universidad del Atlantico

Fulbright Scholar; research and teaching award, University of Iceland, August – December 2021

- Collaborated on research projects at the University of Iceland, Center for Public Health Sciences (1) Association between adverse childhood experiences and multiple sclerosis in women – A population-based cohort study [Stress-And-Gene-Analysis (SAGA) study]; and with the Icelandic Heart Association (2) Serum vitamin D and risk of cognitive impairment and Parkinson's disease; (3) History of outdoor occupations and risk of Parkinson's disease [Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility (AGES)-Reykjavik study]
- Taught courses in epidemiology, public health and environmental health to master's and doctoral students

Fulbright Specialist (Epidemiology); National Center of Public Health, Mongolia, August 2018

- Developed and taught 2-week course on epidemiology modeled after educational material available from the CDC and WHO to 22 bachelor's- and doctoral-level health practitioners from six provinces in Mongolia

UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education Scholarship, 2021

Honorary Member, Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Epsilon Class Delta Epsilon Chapter, 2020

Diversity and Inclusion Fellow, Claremont Graduate University, 2017

Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, CalEPA, 2014

Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies, LLU 2015

Honorable Mention, American Heart Association Young Investigators Forum, Irvine, CA, 2005

President's Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 1995

Citizen's Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, 1991-5

Psi Chi Honors in Psychology, 1994-5

Alumni Scholarship, University of California, 1991-2

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Public Health Association International Society of Environmental Epidemiology

Society of Epidemiology

American Heart Association

American Association of University Women

Physicians for Social Responsibility

SKILLS

Operating systems: Windows, Mac

Software - SAS, STATA, GPower, Episheet, R; Tableau, Lucid; GIS; Wondershare Filmora; Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access; Adobe Acrobat; Endnote; Qualtrics, Survey Monkey; REDCap

Videoconferencing: Zoom, Teams, GoToMeeting, Google Meet, Skype, WebEx
Languages: proficiency in French, Italian, Spanish
Master Gardener (University of California Cooperative Extension certified)
Phlebotomy

REFERENCES

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PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

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- Sclerosis in Icelandic Women – A Population-Based Cohort Study. *Brain Sciences* 2022. 12(11), 1559; <https://doi.org/10.3390/brainsci12111559>
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Invited talks, lectures or presentations

1. Talk, "Alzheimer's disease and related dementias: past, present and future" Westminster Gardens, September 18, 2024, Duarte, CA

2. Presenter, "Pandemic Preparedness", Great Decisions: A program of the Foreign Policy Association, NY, NY, Westminster Gardens, March 19, 2024, Duarte, CA
3. Presenter, Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions Series, "The WHO Response to COVID-19", April 27, 2021 Westminster Gardens. <https://tinyurl.com/nst4hrkz>
4. Panelist, "Strategies for Moving from Coursework to Completion", 'Re-Orientation Program' for doctoral students, Claremont Graduate University, February 1, 2019
5. Presenter, "Great Decisions - Global Health: Progress and Challenges", Westminster Gardens, April 3, 2018, Duarte, CA
6. Presenter, "Passive smoking and Parkinson's disease in California Teachers". Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH) Research Seminar Series, UC Irvine, December 1, 2017, Irvine, CA
7. Speaker and panelist, "Community and School Gardens and Public Health". Territorial Repercussions, October 10, 2015, Los Angeles, CA
8. Panelist, Los Angeles 9th Annual Gathering of Community Gardens, October 3, 2015, Los Angeles, CA
9. Speaker, "Little Green Fingers - Building gardens in Los Angeles; evaluation of program outcomes" American Community Garden Association 36th Annual Conference, August 14-16, 2015, Denver, CO
10. Speaker, "Lifestyle as Neurotherapeutics" Symposium, American Society for Experimental NeuroTherapeutics (ASENT) 17th Annual meeting, February 19-21, 2015, Washington, DC

Subject matter expert, interviews, podcasts, films or other media

1. "DeSantis Advances Questionable Link Between Lockdowns and Despair" by Phil Galewitz February 24, 2021, Kaiser Health News and Politifact Healthcheck <https://khn.org/news/article/desantis-advances-questionable-link-between-lockdowns-and-despair/>
2. "You're fully vaccinated against COVID-19. What can you do now?" by Louis Jacobson March 11, 2021, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/article/2021/mar/11/youre-fully-vaccinated-against-covid-19-now-what-c/>
3. "People have lost faith in the ability of the vaccine to work. Already, the numbers are really staggeringly low." by Louis Jacobson December 8, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/dec/08/joe-biden/many-americans-say-they-dont-want-vaccine-should-w/>
4. "We are rounding the turn (on coronavirus). We are rounding the corner." by Louis Jacobson October 23, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/oct/23/donald-trump/no-fight-against-coronavirus-isnt-rounding-corner-/>
5. "How much did protests contribute to LA's COVID-19 surge? Data is still sparse" by Chris Nichols July 21, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jul/21/how-much-did-protests-contribute-las-covid-19-surg/>
6. "We have one of the lowest mortality rates in the world" from COVID-19" by Louis Jacobson July 20, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/jul/20/donald-trump/donald-trump-wrong-say-us-has-one-lowest-mortality/>
7. "Is a Second Wave of Coronavirus Coming" by Louis Jacobson June 22, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jun/22/second-wave-coronavirus-coming/>
8. "VP Mike Pence says Oklahoma flattened the COVID-19 curve. That's False" by Louis Jacobson June 16, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/jun/16/mike-pence/has-oklahoma-flattened-curve-mike-pence-said/>
9. "How could reopenings, protests affect coronavirus infections?" by Louis Jacobson June 9, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jun/09/how-could-reopenings-protests-affect-coronavirus-i/>
10. "Are coronavirus cases going down all over the US?" by Louis Jacobson May 28, 2020, Politifact, the Poynter Institute <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/may/28/donald-trump/are-coronavirus-cases-going-down-all-over-us/>
11. "Q&A: CGU epidemiologist Nicole M. Gatto talks COVID-19, masks and politics" by Gabe Fisher, November 18, 2020, The Student Life <https://tsl.news/qa-cgu-epidemiologist-nicole-m-gatto-covid/>

12. "Is a routine trip to the doctor or dentist now a health hazard?" by David Lazarus, August 21, 2020, Los Angeles Times <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-08-21/column-coronavirus-healthcare-exams>
13. "The Big Cost of a Little Confusion" by Sonya Swink, June 2, 2020, NY City News Service <https://www.nycitynewsservice.com/2020/06/the-big-cost-of-a-little-confusion/>
14. "When 511 Epidemiologists Expect to Fly, Hug and Do 18 Other Everyday Activities Again", By Quoc Trung Bui, Claire Cain Miller and Margot Sanger-Katz, June 8, 2020, New York Times, The Upshot <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/08/upshot/when-epidemiologists-will-do-everyday-things-coronavirus.html>
15. YouTube video, "The Garden View with Nicole Gatto - Vaccine Hesitancy and Returning to Normal", June 7, 2021 https://youtu.be/CLNx_tzljpM
16. Podcast, "The Campfire: Vaccines and the Vaccinated", May 7, 2021 <https://cgupodcast.libsyn.com/vaccines-and-the-vaccinated>
17. Contributor, "COVID-19 Latest research news" summaries, Inequality and Policy Research Center, Claremont Graduate University at <https://research.cgu.edu/democratic-renewal/covid-19/>
18. Blogger, School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University Blog <https://mycampus.cgu.edu/web/scgh/blog>
19. Guest on KLOS 95.5FM "Spotlight on the Community" speaking about Little Green Fingers and LA Sprouts projects; first aired August 3, 2014 produced by Denise Westwood
20. "LA Sprouts Program, Los Angeles"; short informational video produced by Gregory Mena and Tin H. Tran, December 4, 2012
21. "Scholars Circle" feature on my projects including LA Sprouts and Little Green Fingers; first aired on KPFK 90.7 FM Los Angeles, November 18, 2012 produced by Maria Armoudian
22. "Small Stuff" Kaiser Permanente 2012 Thrive Campaign television spot featuring Milagro Allegro Community Garden, first aired July 2012
23. "Focus on Food" pilot episode, aired on KPFK 90.7 FM Los Angeles, May 5, 2012 produced by Alan Minsky
24. "Parkinson's Alley" in the Sierra Club Magazine, Jan/Feb 2102.
25. "Pesticides in well water increase risk of Parkinson's disease" in Pesticide Action Network UK, December 2009 No. 86.
26. "Pesticides in Well Water May Increase Risk of Parkinson's Disease; Most Definitive Study to Date" by Susan Fitzgerald, in Neurology Today, January 21, 2010, Vol 10, Issue 2
27. "Exploring LA Neighborhoods – 1st Stop Highland Park" aired on KPCC 89.3FM Los Angeles, June 27, 2010 with Shirley Jahad
28. "Nobody's Business" a film by Alan Berliner, San Francisco International Film Festival, San Francisco, CA, May 1997

GRANTS

ONGOING

Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Research Program - CA Admin U19AG066567 (McEvoy, Crane, LaCroix)

5/15/2021 - 4/30/2026

National Institute on Aging

The overall goals of the Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) U19 Research Program are to (1) expand ACT cohort enrollment with improved follow-up, phenotyping of life course risk factors, and new neuroimaging and neuropathology outcomes; (2) support Projects studying the spectrum of healthy functioning to Alzheimer's and related dementias in older adults; and (3) expand and improve ACT's dissemination of data and resources to the research community. The Specific Aims of the Administrative Core are: 1) Support Projects and Cores in effective research organization, communication, and dissemination to ensure U19 Program integration; 2) Facilitate collaborations with external investigators and encourage meaningful data sharing; 3) Provide centralized support of the ACT U19 Program's logistic and financial requirements; 4) Oversee the logistics, flow, and tracking of participant data; 5) Evaluate and continuously improve ACT U19 Program performance. Role: Co-lead Admin Core

Aging Eyes and Aging Brains in Studying Alzheimer's Disease: Modern Ophthalmic Data Collection in the Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Study

2R01AG060942-06A1 (Lee)

09/2024 - 08/2029

National Institute on Aging

Major Goals: The major goals are the same as before for the first iteration of the renewal grant back in February: 1) Determine associations of cognition level and trajectory with subclinical retinal structural features such as retinal nerve fiber layer thinning and with subclinical retinal vascular features such as lower retinal perfusion; 2) Determine associations between eye diseases severity trajectories and ADRD neuropathology findings; 3) Develop a novel platform for curating and sharing findable, accessible, interoperable, and reproducible (FAIR) ophthalmic data. Role: Co-I

Annual ACT Symposium

2R13AG057087-04 (Gatto)

8/1/2020 - 7/31/2025

National Institute on Aging

To provide support for the annual ACT symposium, including meeting space, travel, registration, and support staff salaries. Role: PI

A Platform for Cell Type-Level Transcriptomic, Epigenomic, and Spatial Interrogation of Alzheimer's Disease

U19AG060909 (Lein)

03/2020 - 02/2025

National Institute on Aging

To leverage single cell transcriptomic, epigenomic and highly multiplexed molecular spatial analysis methods developed through the BRAIN Initiative and similar efforts to develop a platform for detailed cell type phenotypic characterization of AD pathology. These tools will be applied to generate a foundational understanding of the molecular and structural progression of AD, identify transcriptional and spatial hallmarks of AD pathology and affected molecular pathways, and create a catalytic open access dataset for the research community. Role: Site PI

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2150280 GRASP (Barnes, Lee)

6/1/16-12/31/21 (NCE)

Loma Linda University- Research Affairs (Intramural)

The effect of aging and dietary pattern on blood-brain barrier integrity
Using data from an ongoing study (AHS-2 CAN), we will recruit two groups (with low and high PUFA levels) who will then have a follow up cognitive assessment (approximately 1 year after their AHS-2 CAN assessment), allowing us to examine longitudinal changes in cognitive function. Additionally, all participants will undergo MRI

scanning, from which we will derive BBB integrity and multiple other markers of brain health, including measures of brain volume, white matter structural integrity, and iron deposition. The relationships between omega-3 PUFA serum levels, BBB integrity, cognitive decline, and MRI biomarkers will be examined. Role: Co-I

Fletcher Jones Foundation

Claremont Graduate University (Intramural)

7/1/18-6/30/21 (NCE)

Vegetarian Dietary Patterns and progression in Parkinson's disease

This proposed hospital-based epidemiologic study of PD cases with established diagnoses by movement disorder specialists takes advantage of a special exposure population. We will collect data during regular clinic visits to characterize vegetarian dietary patterns and make use of existing patient data to test hypotheses related to diet and PD progression. We will explore whether periodic or regular adherence to one or more type of vegetarian dietary pattern across the lifespan could influence disease severity.

2140309 GRASP (Gatto, Lee)

Loma Linda University- Research Affairs (Intramural)

02/01/15—10/15/20

Dietary Patterns and Cognitive Dysfunction in the Aged: Adventist Health Study-2 \$37,500

We will develop and implement an approach to assess cognitive function a sample of older adult participants residing in southern California an average of 9 years after enrollment. We will then associate cognitive function with dietary patterns, adjusting for likely confounders.

UCLA American Parkinson's Disease Association

1/1/17 – 8/31/17

Pilot Grant (Bordelon)

Second follow-back study of newly identified cases of Parkinson's disease in the California Teachers Study

Conduct a diagnostic confirmation study of women with Parkinson's disease in the California Teachers Study (CTS) cohort. Describe the incidence and prevalence of PD among female teachers and administrators in California years during 1995-2012. Use existing data from the unique resource available in the CTS to estimate the effects of suspected and novel risk and protective factors for PD including reproductive history and estrogen use, sun exposure, NSAID and statin use, dietary factors, and environmental tobacco smoke.

5U01CA152939 (Fraser)

9/26/11 – 8/31/16

National Cancer Institute

Cancer Epidemiology in Adventists – The Adventist Health Study-2: This project examines the risk of chronic disease in 96,000 Seventh-day Adventists, with special focus on a possible association between various dietary factors and cancers of the breast, prostate and colon.

5R21DK094066 (Spruijt-Metz)

05/01/13—04/30/15

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease

LA Sprouts: A garden/nutrition intervention to improve health for high-risk youth

This study was the first to conduct a randomized controlled gardening and nutrition intervention to reduce obesity and metabolic disorders in high-risk Latino youth.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

10/01/09 – 9/30/11

R03ES017139 (Ritz)

Sunlight Exposure & Vitamin D Metabolic Gene Variations in Parkinson's Disease

Examine whether long-term low levels of vitamin D either through inadequate sunlight exposure or alterations in metabolic genes that influence physiological vitamin D levels increase the risk of PD using the NIEHS-funded Parkinson Environment Gene (PEG) study (368 cases, 401 population controls). Test associations between long-term UV exposure measures and PD, and examine whether genetic variations presumed to result in different physiological vitamin D activity in genes critical to the vitamin D pathway (*VDR*, *GC*, *CYP27A1*, *CYP27B1* and *CYP24A1*) increase the risk of PD. Preliminarily investigate gene-gene and gene-environment interactions.

UCLA American Parkinson's Disease Association

10/1/09 – 3/01/11

Pilot Grant (Gatto)

Identifying risk and protective factors for Parkinson's disease using data from the California Teachers Study Describe the incidence and prevalence of PD among female teachers and administrators in California years during 1995-2006. Use existing data from the unique resource available in the CTS to estimate the effects of suspected and novel risk and protective factors for PD including reproductive history and estrogen use, sun exposure, NSAID and statin use, dietary factors, and environmental tobacco smoke. Incorporate a sophisticated GIS system provided to us by collaborators to estimate UV radiation exposure using publicly available UV maps.

UCLA Southern California Education and Research Center

10/1/10– 9/30/11

NIOSH Pilot Grant (Gatto)

Explore the feasibility of further developing our GIS-based pesticide exposure model to include additional parameters pertaining to soil, climate and ground water characteristics to improve the predictability of the model, and then use this model to obtain data on pesticide exposure estimates from potentially contaminated well water, which we will examine in our study of Parkinson's disease.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

10/1/08 – 09/30/10

T32ES01545 (Gatto)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Training Grant in Molecular Toxicology, UCLA

Post-doctoral training in environmental, molecular and genetic epidemiology supporting research in environmental, occupational and genetic risk and protective factors for Parkinson's disease. Develop professional skills, including grant writing and laboratory and project management.

Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center

Pilot Project Grant (Gatto)

8/1/09 – 7/31/10

Sunlight Exposure in Parkinson's Disease

Apply a sophisticated geographic information system-based model of UV exposure to test associations of sunlight exposure with PD. Generate pilot data investigating a potential novel mechanism of pathogenesis for sporadic PD, which will be used in a future NIH RO1 grant application.

National Institute of Aging

5/1/05 – 12/1/07

5-T32-AG00037 (Gatto)

Multidisciplinary Research Training in Gerontology/Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, USC

Completed dissertation research and training in field of epidemiology on the association between cardiovascular disease risk factors, atherosclerosis, the metabolic syndrome and cognitive function.

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE GRANTS

Private Donor and Alumnus to Loma Linda University

6/1/15

To support the development of an afterschool child wellness program for elementary school children in San Bernardino, CA.

First5 LA

May 2012- April 2017

Little Green Fingers Community Garden Collaborative

\$2.5 million over 5 years to support the Little Green Fingers project which is constructing 8 community gardens throughout LA County, providing gardening and nutrition classes, and supporting the evaluation of the health of participating families.

Keck Medical Center Foundation

July 2013 - June 2014

Community Benefit Grant

\$25,000 grant to support the construction of four school gardens for the LA Sprouts RCT study.

<p>Keep America Beautiful Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant \$10,000 grant to support the infrastructure of the Milagro Allegro Community Garden.</p>	9/1/09 – 8/30-10
<p>City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Community Beautification Grant \$10,000 grant to support the infrastructure of the Milagro Allegro Community Garden.</p>	2/1/10 – 11/30/10
<p>Annenberg Foundation Metabolic Studio, a direct charitable activity of the Annenberg Foundation led by Artist and Foundation Director Lauren Bon Two grants: \$12,000 & \$50,000 to support the increased development, programming and enhanced infrastructure of the Milagro Allegro Community Garden.</p>	6/15/10 – 7/15/11; 7/15/11-6/15/12
<p>Kaiser Foundation Hospital Los Angeles Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Grants #20610585 & #20626783 Two grants, \$4,000 & \$12,000 to support the LA Sprouts pilot and RCT study</p>	2009-2010; 2012-2013
<p>Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council \$5500 grant to support education</p>	2009
<p>Los Angeles City Council, First District \$2000, start-up funds</p>	2009