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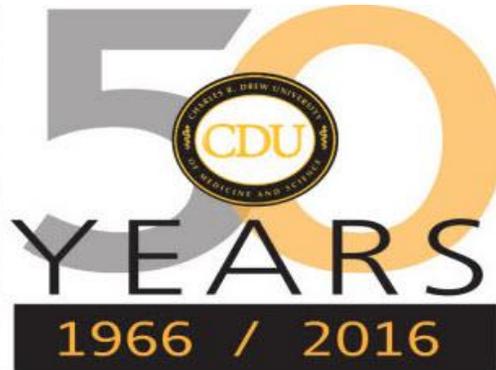
Student Research Colloquium

Current Research in Health Disparities

Medical Student Research Thesis Program

Charles R. Drew University
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The CDU/UCLA Medical Student Research Thesis Program

A distinguishing component of the Charles Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program is the required medical research thesis. The thesis requirement of Charles Drew University is among a few select medical programs nationally providing research training as a requirement in the medical education curriculum. The Medical Student Research Thesis Program assists student in the third and fourth years in developing and completing an independent research project. While the overall theme of the MSRTP is healthcare disparities, students have wide latitude to choose research projects that include biobehavioral/psychosocial, health services research and public policy with application to underserved communities. Fourth-year students present their research findings at the annual medical student research colloquium held each spring.

Dear Mentors,

As Chair of the Medical Student Research Thesis Program, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your dedication and commitment to the Medical Student Class of 2017.

Shahrzad Bazargan-Hejazi, PhD



Frank Aliganga, MD
Family Medicine

Dr. Frank Aliganga was born in the Philippines and grew up in South Jersey. He went to Northeastern University for college and majored in Biochemistry. Dr. Aliganga had the opportunity to work in cancer research and found that work exciting especially with the advances in science and technology. However, as he continued bench-top research, looking at slides, he came to the realization that his passion was to provide care for those already suffering.

When Dr. Aliganga started medical school, he had the chance to work in the community through Charles R. Drew University and realized that he thrived at the opportunity to provide care to the underserved. He chose family medicine because of its broad spectrum of training with a focus on the social determinants of health. Now he is excited to bring this training to the community as the Kaiser Community Medicine Fellow. After the fellowship, he hopes to eventually find himself in an academic institution teaching medical students and residents, and continuing to advocate for his underserved patients here and abroad.

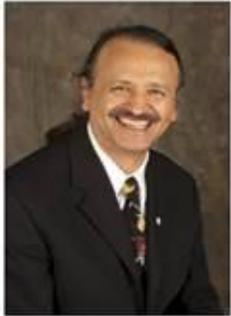


Chizobam O. Ani, MD
Internal Medicine

Dr. Ani is an internist, epidemiologist and researcher. He completed his medical school training at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and Internal Medicine Residency Training at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda California. He also has a Master's in Public Health from the University of Kansas and Wichita State University in Kansas and is currently an Epidemiology Doctoral (PhD) candidate at the Loma Linda University in Loma Linda.

Dr. Ani currently works as an Internal Medicine hospitalist at the Providence Holy Cross Hospital in Mission Hills, Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Kaiser Hospital Woodland Hills. He is also a medical researcher with a research faculty appointment at Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science Los Angeles since 2006. His primary research interests are in the epidemiology, clinical care and prevention of chronic diseases especially cardio-metabolic diseases especially among minority populations.

Dr. Ani's current research is focused on the understanding of the spectrum, risk factors and pathology of cardiomyopathy among individuals with diabetes. He has authored or coauthored several peer reviewed research publications, a book chapter and participated in several research grants.



Mohsen Bazargan, PhD
Gerontologist
Family Medicine

Dr. Mohsen Bazargan is Professor, Faculty Trustee and Director of Research at Department of Family Medicine and Public Health program at Charles R. Drew

Science. He is a Medical Sociologist with extensive training in the fields of aging, research methodology, evaluation, and statistics. He is currently Assistant Editor for the *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*.

He received his Ph.D in Medical Sociology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has been a member of the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science faculty since 1993. Dr. Bazargan entire research related activities are concentrated around the health status and health disparities experienced by racial/ethnic minorities and socio-economically disadvantaged populations. He has conducted several large population and community based surveys on access and utilization of health services by underserved minority older adults.

Dr. Bazargan has authored over 100 scientific papers many of which address access to care, barriers to medical care, use of health services, racial disparities, and health outcomes among older adult African Americans. During the last ten years, he has been funded by several federal agencies including the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), the Administration for Children and Family (AHF), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to conduct research and interventional study among minority populations.



Shahrzad Bazargan-Hejazi, PhD
Medical Sociology
Psychiatry

Shahrzad Bazargan-Hejazi Ph.D., Professor of Medical Sociology in the Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Bazargan-Hejazi has been the lead NIH investigator and co-investigator in several projects related to the misuse of alcohol in patients who present in emergency departments.

She is a member of the Global Burden of Disease collaborator network participation in the production, analysis, and improvement of the Global Burden of Disease, and has collaborated in other projects related to the social aspects of disease and illness, youth empowerment health advocacy, family and community violence prevention for teens and adolescents, health services utilization improvement for Head Start families, and for underserved minorities, particularly those affected by alcohol problems, depression, injury, and violence.

She is the Associate Editor for the *Journal of Injury and Violence Research*, and an editorial board member for *BioMed Research International*, *Medicine*, and *Clinical Medicine Insights*; *Women's Health Journal*, among others. In addition, Dr. Bazargan-Hejazi is a member of the SafetyLit ("Safety Literature") Science Advisory Committee, a member of the World Suicidology Network, and represents Asia in the International Society for Child and Adolescent Injury.



Peyman Benharash, MD
Surgery

Dr. Peyman Benharash is a surgeon in Los Angeles, California and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica. He received his medical degree from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has been in practice between 11-20 years. He is one of 101 doctors at UCLA Medical Center and one of 39 at UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica who specialize in Surgery. He also speaks multiple languages, including Farsi and Hebrew.



Cynthia Davis, MPH
College of Science & Health

Cynthia Davis is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine, and College of Science and Health at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. She graduated from the UCLA School of Public Health in 1981. Professor Davis was instrumental in the development of the first dedicated mobile HIV testing project initiated in LA County in 1991. Since 1991, the CDU HIV mobile testing project has provided free HIV screening services to over 60,000 community residents.

Professor Davis, for over 32 years, has been actively engaged in facilitating HIV/AIDS primary prevention services targeting at risk racial/ethnic minorities. Professor Davis has served on the Board of Directors of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the largest nonprofit AIDS Service Organization in the United States for 28 years. Professor Davis served as a Co-Investigator on a five-year multi-site HRSA SPNS project from 2001 to 2006, working in collaboration with Dr. William Cunningham from UCLA. The project's aims were to assess the unmet needs of HIV + racial/ethnic minorities who were not in care.

Professor Davis for the past four years has mentored several UCLA/CDU medical students on a depression study assessing rates of depression, substance abuse and childhood sexual abuse among HIV + and HIV - African Americans and Latinos residing in South LA.



Christian DeVirgilio, MD
Surgery

Dr. De Virgilio is originally from Argentina, and moved to the U.S. as a child. He attended Loyola Marymount University as an undergraduate, medical school at UCLA, general surgery residency at Harbor-UCLA, and vascular surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He is currently Chair of the Department of Surgery at Harbor-UCLA, and Co-Chair of the College of Applied Anatomy at the UCLA School of Medicine. He particularly enjoys teaching and mentoring medical students and residents.



Alma Guerrero, MD, MPH
Pediatrics

Dr. Alma Guerrero is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at UCLA. She practices general pediatrics with vulnerable populations who have high unmet medical and psychosocial needs. She has an interest and clinical experience in childhood obesity and child development of young Latino children.

Dr. Guerrero's research has focused on examining parental perceptions of childhood obesity, child development, and family-centered care among Latino children. Dr. Guerrero has conducted qualitative research in the area of early childhood obesity, designed a primary intervention across Los Angeles County to improve child development education among low-income largely Latina mothers who participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Women (WIC program), and completed various secondary data analyses that are contributing to the understanding of young Latino children's health and development and their healthcare experiences.

Dr. Guerrero received her MD from UCLA School of Medicine, and her MPH in Health Services Organization from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Guerrero's current work focuses on building caregiver skills, family cohesion, and caregiver knowledge to target childhood obesity among families residing in East Los Angeles.



Amy Hideko Kaji, MD, PhD
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Kaji has a background in both clinical emergency medicine and in statistical methodological training will help support our research team to achieve the objective of our study, which is to investigate an interventional strategy to curb the use of opioid medications in the treatment of chronic pain.

She has obtained a PhD in epidemiology; where her dissertation focused on disaster mitigation and preparedness. During her research fellowship, she received two grants to study hospital disaster preparedness in Los Angeles County. In the past, Dr. Kaji has also served as the site-PI for a multicenter study to develop a clinical decision rule for admission criteria for patients presenting with an Apparent Life Threatening Event. She currently serves as a methodological and statistical editor for *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, as well as for *JAMA Surgery*.

Dr. Kaji has also served on the steering committee for the 2008 Science of Simulation in Healthcare Consensus Conference for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. Her research interests also have included the management and care of patients with cardiac arrest.



Dulcie Kermah, EdD, MPH
Biostatistics

Dulcie Kermah has been a Biostatistician at Charles R. Drew University (CDU) for over a decade. As a team member of the Research Design and Biostatistics Core at CDU, her primary responsibility involves providing support to CDU faculty, students and staff and other collaborators. Her duties include designing databases for data cleaning, statistical consultation, data management, study design, performing statistical analyses and authoring statistical section in research protocol, manuscripts, abstract and presentations. Additionally, she mentors and provides support to students working on their research projects and thesis. She also helps them with their data collection, management, analyses and dissemination of results. Ms. Kermah has a decade experience using and analyzing large databases.

Ms. Kermah received her Master of Public Health degree with an emphasis in Biostatistics from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.



Edward Kuan, MD
Surgery

Ed Kuan is a fifth-year resident physician in the UCLA Department of Head of Neck Surgery. His research interests are focused on bioengineering applications in otolaryngology.

Ed completed his undergraduate studies in Business Economics and Biology at UCLA, followed by a joint MD/MBA degree at UC Irvine. After residency, Ed will begin fellowship in rhinology and skull base surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Having been blessed with outstanding mentors throughout his education and training, Ed values all mentorship opportunities, and has had the privilege to work with Jose Alonso in this endeavor.

To date, Jose and Ed have worked on numerous epidemiological projects focusing on head and neck oncology with Jose, and their collaboration has resulted in two peer-reviewed journal publications, six podium presentations, and two posters, which have been presented at both regional and national meetings. They currently have three more manuscripts and five abstracts in review.



Raphael Landovitz, MD
Internal Medicine

Raphael J. Landovitz's clinical research career focuses on optimizing the use of HIV antiretroviral therapy for both HIV treatment and HIV prevention. He is currently Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UCLA, Associate Director of the UCLA Center for Clinical AIDS Research & Education, and Co-Director of the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS). He is the protocol chair for the NIH/DAIDS funded Phase 2a and Phase 3 studies of long-acting injectable PrEP using cabotegravir (HPTN 077 and HPTN 083). He was awarded the John Carey Young Investigator Award by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group in 2010.



Steven L. Lee, MD, FACS, FAAP
Pediatric Surgery

Dr. Lee is Associate Program Director of the General Surgery Residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and a Professor of Clinical Surgery and Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He received his MD from the University of California at Davis, CA.



Kenneth Lewis, MD
Anesthesiology

Kenneth Lewis, MD has been Medical Director and Chief of Anesthesia Services at Martin Luther King Jr. Ambulatory Surgical Center in Los Angeles, California since 2007. His current areas of specialized expertise are various, ranging from Ambulatory Anesthesia, Anesthesia in Remote Locations, Moderate Sedation and Perioperative Surgical Homes. He says with the advancement of medical technology, Ambulatory Surgery will continue to dominant the future of surgical procedures mainly because it is safer and less expensive than inpatient care. Anesthesiologists should be at the core of the infrastructure to provide leadership, create new ideas and expand the current clinical and administrative policies as related to Ambulatory Surgery.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy at Texas Southern University. His Doctorate of Medicine was obtained from Howard University College of Medicine in 1987. He completed his anesthesiology residency training at Martin L. King Jr./Charles R. Drew Medical Center in 1992. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology and has been a practicing anesthesiologist for 25 years, holding numerous positions at Martin L. King Jr./Charles Drew Medical Center from Director of Trauma Anesthesia to Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology.



Margarita Loeza, MD
Family Medicine

Margarita Loeza, MD is a graduate of the University of California School of Medicine at San Diego. She attended Occidental College, where she completed a degree in Biology. Dr. Loeza trained at the San Bernardino County Hospital in the department of Family Medicine. During residency she was chosen to serve as the Associate Chief Resident. After residency, she returned to the Venice Family Clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center, where she and her family were once patients in order to volunteer.

In 2001, Dr. Loeza started as a staff physician at the Venice Family Clinic (VFC). Dr. Loeza is currently the Chief Medical Information Officer at VFC. She is the physician consultant for Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. Dr. Loeza has a school based teen clinic at Santa Monica High School. She is a strong proponent for reproductive justice for young women. Dr. Loeza has a passion for global health. She is the faculty advisor for UCLA Flying Samaritans who run a monthly clinic in Tijuana. Dr. Loeza helps deliver free health care along with other volunteers to a small community. Because she is a proponent of social justice, Dr. Loeza volunteers at Homeboy Industries on a monthly basis, performing laser tattoo removal on former gang members.

She is a mentor to medical and pre-health students. Dr. Loeza joined Alliance in Mentorship to inspire young Latino students to study medicine. Dr. Loeza is currently the faculty advisor for the Latino Medical Student Association for UCLA and Drew. Dr. Loeza is the daughter of Mexican Immigrants, first in her family to attend college.



Gerardo Moreno, MD, MSHS
Family Medicine

Dr. Gerardo Moreno is Assistant Professor in Family Medicine and Director of UCLA PRIME (Program in Medical Education). He received his medical degree from the University of California Los Angeles, and completed his post-doctoral clinical residency training in Family Medicine at the University of California San Francisco. He received a Master of Science in Health Services from the UCLA School of Public Health and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at UCLA.



Kishore Nath, MD
Family Medicine

Joining the residency in 2016 as our first Core Faculty member, Dr. Nath has been working as a Family Medicine physician in private practice since 2001. During this time, he has served as a preceptor for students from the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine (his alma mater), as well as for residents in the Long Beach Memorial Family Medicine Program, where he served as Chief Resident. This year he has precepted students from the University of California San Francisco, the University of California Berkeley - UCSF Joint Medical Program, Keck School of Medicine (USC), and 4th year clerks from across the country. He is a graduate of the University of California, San Francisco Faculty Development Fellowship.

He recently was selected to present at the 2017 spring conference for Society for Teachers in Family Medicine. As the Medical Director of John Muir Health's free mobile health clinic since 2010, Dr. Nath has a passion for providing care to the vulnerable and underserved. Born and raised in Southern California, he remains devoted to persuading his children to cheer for his Lakers despite living in Warriors country!



Darlene Parker-Kelly, MSLS
*General Studies, College of
Science & Health*

Darlene Parker Kelly, MSLS is the Director of Library/Learning Resource Centers at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. For the past 7 years, Darlene has been involved in transforming the University Library to a place where students and faculty collaborate using invaluable library resources. In addition, Darlene teaches the Information Literacy and Research Methods for the College of Sciences and Health.

Darlene is passionate about health and the well-being of mankind. She believes education and information are partners in empowering each of us to become healthier individuals and to becoming an advocate for others. She actively participates in scholarly publications, is the recipient of several Express Awards through the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library at the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library at UCLA, and frequently participates in local and national conferences. Prior to the appointment, Darlene was employed at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia for 21 years.



Susan Partovi, MD
Family Medicine

Susan Partovi, MD is a Family Physician, and Medical Director of Homeless Health Care Los Angeles and Founder/CEO of the non-profit organization *Health Care, Empowerment, Advocacy and Learning* (HEAL) (www.weareheal.org).

Through her doctoring, teaching and working with impoverished populations such as the homeless, incarcerated and in developing countries, she is committed to treating patients with respect, offering quality care and empowering them to live life to their fullest. Furthermore she is committed to mentoring this attitude of respect, advocacy and empowerment to her students and residents so they too can become leaders in working with the disenfranchised.



Alexander Schwed, MD
Surgery

Alexander Schwed, MD is a fifth year general surgery resident at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He completed his undergraduate studies in English Language & Literature at Yale University, and attended medical school at The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. While at Harbor, he has been awarded the Helping Hands Award for exemplary patient care, and recently was awarded the Pacific Coast Surgical Association's Top Resident Paper award for Southern California, 2016.

Dr. Schwed completed a clinical research fellowship (2015-2016) at Harbor-UCLA focusing on surgical education of medical students and residents, quality improvement projects for the Department of Surgery, and emergency general surgery outcomes. He intends to pursue fellowship training in Surgical Critical Care beginning in August, 2018, during which time he hopes to further pursue research questions of resource utilization for trauma patients and ensuring high-quality surgical care for at-risk populations.



**Magda A. Shaheen, MD,
PhD, MPH, MS**
Internal Medicine

Dr. Shaheen is an Associate Professor and the director of the CDU Research Design & Biostatistics and Co-director of the UCLA/CDU CTSI, Biostatistics

Core. She has the wealth of expertise to successfully provide rigorous basic/advanced methodological support in biostatistics, research design, epidemiology and other domains with practical guides for clinical/community/translational research.

Dr. Shaheen conducted community participatory surveys among minority communities and collaborated with other researchers in clinical/translational research. Dr. Shaheen has extensive experience in utilizing/analyzing the public use/large databases in research especially related to health disparity and health care disparities taking into considerations the design, sampling, advanced and special statistical analysis issues.

Dr. Shaheen earned her M.D. and Master Degree in Internal Medicine from Cairo University. She received her PhD and MPH from UCLA with extensive doctoral and post-doctoral training in epidemiology, research methods, designs and biostatistics. She has a professional membership in the American College of Epidemiology, UCLA Alumni Association, American Public Health Association, American Diabetic Association, American College of Preventive Medicine and International epidemiological association.



Maie St. John, MD, PhD
Oncology

Dr. St. John's research encompasses several areas of translational investigation in head & neck cancer. Dr. St. John's laboratory is interested in understanding the mechanisms of tumor progression and metastasis in head and neck cancer. She and her colleagues are investigating COX-2-dependent gene and protein expression and determining how these modify tumor invasion, angiogenesis, immunity and apoptosis in head & neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC). Novel genes and pathways for future targeted therapies are also being identified and studied. Dr. St. John's lab is also involved in actively incorporating the results of their laboratory-based research into the development of novel therapies for HNSCC patients.



Senait Teklehaimanot, MPH
Biostatistics

Senait Teklehaimanot is a biostatistician and a faculty at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. She received her Master's degree in Biostatistics from Loma Linda University school of Public Health. She has participated in a wide variety of NIH funded research studies in various capacities and provided statistical support to researchers, Community Faculty, Medical, MPH and Nursing students.

Her expertise includes designing survey studies, power and sample size calculation, data management, data analysis, authoring statistical section in research protocols, manuscripts, abstracts and presentations. She also have more than 20 years of experience using or analyzing large data sets sponsored by National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and National Cancer Institutes (NCI).

She enjoys collaborative research and has special interest in health disparity research. As a team member of the study Design Biostatistical and Data Management Core at CDU, Senait Teklehaimanot is an experienced biostatistician primarily supports the Core's research methodology and study design services.



Stacey Teruya, EdD, MS
Internal Medicine

Dr. Teruya is an assistant professor of Medicine in the College of Medicine at Charles R. Drew University and at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. His research interests include health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities, and professional and career development for biomedical researchers and research faculty.

Dr. Teruya provides lectures, mentorship, and curriculum development for the CDU Medical Student Research Thesis Program (MSRTP). He holds a Master's degree in Computer Science, and is able to leverage and utilize technology in automating processes, delivering educational materials, enabling learning and measuring performance improvement.

Dr. Teruya's current scholarly activities include identifying and measuring the relative effect of ethnicity on immigrant health and wellness, as opposed to commonly-accepted measures in acculturation. He currently serves on two CDU ad hoc committees, and as liaison to two important community organizations.



Roberto Vargas III, MD, MPH
Internal Medicine

Roberto Vargas, M.D., M.P.H. is Associate Professor of Medicine, in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, he also has adjunct appointments as Associate Professor at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science and Associate Natural Scientist at the RAND Corporation.

His professional interests combine health services research, clinical care, and community collaborative partnerships towards the design, implementation, and testing of interventions to promote equal access to quality health care and to reduce health disparities.



Nikhil N. Verma, MD
Orthopedics

Dr. Verma specializes in treatment of the shoulder, elbow and knee with an emphasis on advanced arthroscopic reconstructive techniques of the shoulder, shoulder replacement, knee ligament reconstruction and articular cartilage reconstruction and meniscal transplantation.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Verma completed his orthopedic residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. He then completed a fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in sports medicine and shoulder surgery. He also received specialized training in treatment of shoulder and elbow disorders in the overhead-throwing athlete.

Currently, Dr. Verma maintains an active clinical practice performing over 500 procedures per year. He is Director of the Division of Sports Medicine and Director of the Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. In addition, he serves as a team physician for the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls, and Nazareth Academy. Dr. Verma is actively involved in orthopedic research with interests in basic science, biomechanics and clinical outcomes, regenerative medicine, and has recently received funding for his work from Major League Baseball. He has authored multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts in major orthopedic and sports medicine journals, numerous book chapters, and routinely serves as teaching faculty for orthopedic courses on advanced surgical techniques.



John Villasenor, PhD
*Public Policy, Electrical
Engineering and
Management*

John Villasenor is a professor of electrical engineering, public policy, and management at UCLA, a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution. In addition, during the current (2015-2016) academic year, he is a visiting professor at the UCLA School of Law. His work addresses the intersection of digital technology with public policy and the law. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Cybersecurity, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and an affiliate of the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at Stanford.

Professor Villasenor's research addresses the technology and policy challenges associated with trends such as the move to cloud computing, the globalization of technology product design and manufacturing, advances in digital communications and electronics, and the increasing complexity of today's networks and systems. Prior to joining UCLA in 1992, he was with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, where he developed methods for imaging the earth from space. He received the B.S. degree in 1985 from the University of Virginia, his M.S. in 1986 from Stanford University, and Ph.D. in 1989 from Stanford, all in electrical engineering.



Wesley Yin, PhD
Public Policy Research

Wes Yin is an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and the Anderson School of Management at UCLA, and is a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Prior to coming to UCLA, Yin served as Acting Assistant Secretary of Economic Policy at the Department of Treasury, and as a Senior Economist in the White House Council of Economic Advisers. He also taught at Boston University and the University of Chicago, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy at Harvard University.

Yin's research interests are in the areas of health, economic development, industrial organizations and public finance. His current research studies the relationship between economic growth and the formation of private markets; and how information, income, and competitive forces impact the delivery of health care in developed and developing countries.