



UCLA BLUM CENTER  
on Poverty and Health  
in Latin America

## Newsletter March 2015

Greetings (Contact First Name),

We are pleased to bring you news from the Center's first quarter of the year. In this newsletter, you'll find updates on some of our current research and other activities, especially those related to undocumented immigrants, social cohesion, child migrants and more. We hope you will join us for upcoming events, which are open to those interested in our mission and efforts to work across boundaries to reduce poverty and health inequalities in Latin America.

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Who: Michael Rodriguez, director of the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, Steven B. Wallace,

### April events of the Center

On April 16th, the UCLA Blum Center will release a joint report examining state policies that affect the health and well-being of undocumented immigrants throughout the nation. The report ranks each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, indicating those with the most (and fewest) public policies that support undocumented immigrants and their families.

Join the UCLA Blum Center at two events that will mark the release of this report:

#### April 16th seminar

"The healthiest (and most unhealthy) states for undocumented immigrants: A review of state policies." Read more [here](#).

#### April 18th

Plenary session at UC Global Health Day "No federal immigration reform? What states can do to improve the health of undocumented workers." Read more [here](#).

**UC Global Health Day  
April 18th, 2015  
UCLA**

2015 UC Global Health Day

 UC GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE  
University of California  
April 18, 2015  
8:30 am - 6:00 pm  
UCLA



Poverty and Health in Latin America, Steven P. Wallace, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Maria-Elena Rodriguez, Center graduate student researcher, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

When: April 16, 2015, Noon - 1 p.m.

Where: 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Suite 1550 [\[Map\]](#)

*Live-streaming webinar:*

*Join us at noon [here](#).*

*A light lunch will be provided to in-person attendees.*

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

## New research: Operationalizing Social Cohesion in Latin America

The UCLA Blum Center recently received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) to carry out a project on social cohesion, which is largely considered an agent for improving health outcomes and is a key component of RWJ's Culture of Health Initiative.

The project, directed by Center Director Michael Rodriguez, will take place over the course of 2015 and will identify via case studies key factors in the successful operationalization of social cohesion in European and Latin American initiatives. To read more about the Center's new research, and the expert advisory panel assembled for this project, visit our [website](#).

## Family medicine resident from Ecuador does observership at UCLA

In January, the UCLA Blum Center and the UCLA Department of Family Medicine helped facilitate an observership for Dr. Daniela Guevara, a third year resident from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador School of Medicine.



UC Global Health Day will feature the rich diversity of global health work being done across disciplines at all ten UC campuses. This event is an opportunity for UC students, fellows, faculty, staff and visiting scholars to share their current work in global health.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## Call for Abstracts!

### 31st Annual Multi-Campus Family Medicine Research Day



This annual event, taking place on May 11th noon-5pm at The California Endowment, will promote research improving care provided to patients in Family Medicine and Primary Care settings.

Abstracts are due April 10th and can be submitted for:

- Research Projects
- Community Projects
- Quality-improvement Projects
- Case Studies

For more information, visit the [event page](#).

## WORLD Policy Analysis Center

### Monitoring and Accountability Conference

April 24th at UCLA



At this conference, leaders from around the world will discuss mechanisms and strategies for monitoring and promoting accountability that leverage



Dr. Daniela Guevara (L) and Dr. Denise Sur, Residency Director and Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine

During her observership, Dr. Guevara had the opportunity to observe and learn from a variety of specialists within the department. The UCLA Blum Center looks forward to facilitating more exchanges at UCLA and building more relationships with physicians and institutions throughout Latin America.

### The UCLA Blum Center around campus

On March 6th, US-based and international researchers came together for a **workshop** co-hosted by the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America and the UCLA Program on International Migration. The workshop provided participants with an opportunity to share knowledge and discuss research findings on issues related to migration and health.



UCLA Blum Center Director Michael Rodriguez was keynote speaker at the 22nd Annual Raza Youth Conference at UCLA

On February 28th, MEChA de UCLA hosted the 22nd Annual Raza Youth Conference, "Conscious of My Historia, Embracing My Roots, Today I am Resilient." UCLA Blum Center Director Dr. Michael Rodriguez was the keynote speaker and had the opportunity to address over

1,000 Latina/o and Chicana/o middle school, high school, and community college students from across California and share his journey of overcoming racism and poverty to pursue higher education.

Read more about the event in The Daily Bruin's **coverage** of the event.

### More professional association resolutions passed to challenge scaremongering around child migrant health risks

Since August 2014, the UCLA Blum Center has helped lead a national coalition that is mobilizing health professionals to challenge political scaremongering around unfounded public health threats of child migrants arriving from Central America. Our coalition of representatives from UCLA, Duke University, the University of Washington, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Association

accountability that leverage technology and globally comparative data, and enhance civic engagement.

For more information and to register, [here](#).

### 10th Summer Institute on Migration and Global Health



### June 22-25th in Oakland

Through lectures, workshops and field trips, experts will present on the relationship between migration and global health, offering public health, public policy, and social science perspectives. Participants will acquire new skills; and have the opportunity to network with experts in the field.

Proposals to present a research project are due **April 18th**. For more information and to register, [here](#).

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of Family Physicians, has worked to pass resolutions against scaremongering in professional medical associations throughout the US.

In 2014, a resolution against scaremongering was successfully adopted by the **American Academy of Family Physicians**, and a similar policy statement was released by the **American Public Health Association**. In March, the following have been added to a list of the coalition's successes:

- The **American Medical Student Association** House of Delegates supported a resolution against scaremongering, which will effectively direct the organization's stance on all issues via inclusion in AMSA's Preamble, Purposes and Principles.
- The **National Physician Alliance** voted to endorse statements against scaremongering.

For more information about our growing efforts in this arena, visit our coalition's [website](#).

Por salud y prosperidad,

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