Research and Policy

To develop a health research program grounded in an interdisciplinary, action-oriented approach and promote evidence-based policies which create sustainable health improvements.

Innovative Research Approaches to Inform New Health Interventions
The UCLA Blum Center’s research activities have produced new insights on shared values of health, community engagement strategies, multi-sector collaboration and health equity agendas. We bring research to the forefront to inform health policies, programs, and community-based health and poverty interventions in the US and abroad.

Support for Health Education, Systems and Programming
UCLA Blum Center researchers and affiliated faculty work toward designing applied solutions that directly contribute to improved health outcomes for Latin American communities. Our researchers have conducted research and designed projects for diabetes programming in Haiti and have collaborated with partners in Nicaragua to provide research support on workforce strengthening and consultation on the development of medical and PhD-level programs.

Translating Policy into Action
We counsel organizations that seek to translate research and policy into sustainable practice. The Center offers: consultation on implementation and training; policy and program analysis; support for monitoring and evaluation efforts; and advocacy-focused communications strategies.

Refining Policies that Address Social Determinants of Health
We examine policies and their effects on social determinants of health, including workforce needs, political reparations in post-conflict societies, migration laws, access to health services, and more. With this research, policymakers can expand efforts to achieve improved health outcomes.

Publications
Our faculty members are well-known for their scholarly publications and have contributed articles and other materials for publication to journals including American Journal of Public Health, Mexican Journal of Public Health, Ethnicity & Disease, Journal of General Internal Medicine, and more.

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