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I am an epidemiologist with a breadth of training and experience across the health sciences, which I have applied to academic, clinical, governmental, non-profit and private sector settings. My research focuses on environmental, genetic and lifestyle risk and protective factors for diseases impacting aging populations, specifically Parkinson's disease, dementias/cognitive impairment, cancer and cardiovascular disease. I additionally have a special interest in health promotion interventions for childhood obesity prevention among Latino and low-income populations.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Epidemiology, University of Southern California, 2008

M.P.H., Community Health Sciences (major), Epidemiology (minor), University of California, Los Angeles, 2003

B.A., Biological Psychology, University of California, Berkeley, 1995

CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

Associate Professor, 2016 – present

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

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
- 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 – 2015

School of Public Health, Loma Linda University

- Research risk and protective factors within the Adventist Health Study-2 cohort study
- Teach environmental and occupational epidemiology course to masters and doctoral students
- Teach Doctoral Seminar in Epidemiology to doctoral students (DrPH and PhD)

- Direct the doctoral program: admissions decisions, curriculum development, write and grade doctoral comprehensive examinations, develop doctoral guidelines; catalog changes, refine graduate programs
- Direct public health practice and service projects
- Assist with CEPH accreditation self-study

Health Researcher/Program Evaluator – Little Green Fingers Community Garden Collaborative, 2012 – 2017

- Develop and lead a research study on the health impacts of participating in one of eight community gardens by families and their children aged 0-5 years
- Provide descriptive statistics on all garden members to First 5 biannually
- Manage small team of project assistants in data collection, management, entry and analysis
- Present results at conferences, forums, papers and reports

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

- Lead and coordinate 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
- Conduct epidemiologic investigations of communicable disease outbreaks; draft control recommendations;
- Lead lab surveillance of influenza and other respiratory viruses with ten sentinel laboratories
- Build and manage relational disease surveillance databases using MS Access and Excel
- Prepare reports of epidemiologic investigations detailing study design, methods, data collection, environmental health factors and control recommendations; maintain electronic disease outbreak logs
- Review, monitor and summarize case reports, health statistics, demographic information and laboratory test results to identify possible disease trends

Adjunct Professor – Department of Health Sciences, California State University, Northridge, 2012

- Teach introductory epidemiology course to undergraduate, graduate and professional students of diverse backgrounds

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

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

Senior Scientist – ToxStrategies, 2009 – 2010

- Contribute technical expertise in area of environmental and occupational epidemiology and biostatistics
- Prepare written communications including technical reports, memos and manuscripts
- Develop, manage and coordinate project proposals including tasks, schedule, budget and deliverables

Post-Doctoral Fellow - Department of Epidemiology, UCLA, 2008 – 2010

- Study environmental, occupational, genetic risk factors for Parkinson's disease with data from three studies
- Communicate findings in manuscripts and presentations
- Supervise PhD students and administrative staff

Senior Scientist – Exponent, 2003 – 2009

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

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

- Manage the California Health Interview Survey of complementary and alternative medicine study
- Design and pilot test questionnaire
- Assist with IRB and OMB application submissions
- Contribute to research proposals, analyses and journal articles; develop study reports
- Act 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

- Perform MRI and spectroscopy studies for patients with neurological diseases and dementias
- Recruit and enroll study participants, obtain clinical information from collaborating centers
- Analyze, transfer and archive data using both commercial and custom software
- Process 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

- Assist in compiling a pre-marketing approval submission to the FDA (Medical Devices)
- Write case summaries for patients who received a left-ventricular assistive device (LVAD)
- Manage and track patient files including case report forms, medical records, correspondence
- Database administration: data entry, management, and quality control

Clinical Coordinator - Department of Neurology, University of California San Francisco, 1995 – 1998

- Recruit, screen and enroll eligible families; collect family history information; construct pedigrees, write clinical summaries, acquire and coordinate acquisition of blood samples and lab results
- Maintain study database
- Coordinate collaboration with eighteen participating sites
- Design, publish and distribute newsletters, bulletins and brochures
- Generate reports for papers, meetings and conferences
- Ensure compliance of IRB and Human Subject's Committee; update protocol consent forms

Instructor - Testing for the Public, 1997 – 2001

- Taught a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparatory course to diverse students
- Created and delivered lectures; developed teaching materials including course notes and study guide

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

- Perform brief neuropsychological assessments; administer neuropsychological evaluations
- Design and maintain clinical database; extract data for papers and presentations

TEACHING

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

- CGH 302 – Epidemiology (4 units)
- CGH 314 – Emerging Chronic and Infectious Disease Epidemiology (4 units)
- CGH 304 – Environmental and Occupational Health (4 units)
- CGH 403 – Manuscript Development
- CGH 406 – Advanced Public Health Practicum (0 units)

- CGH 407A, B, C – Advanced Integrative Public Health Practicum (0 units)
- numerous guest lectures

Loma Linda University School of Public Health, 2013 – 2016

- EPDM 588 Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology (3 units)
- EPDM 606 Doctoral Seminar in Epidemiology (1 unit)

California State University, Northridge, 2012

- HSCI 488 Epidemiology: Study of Disease (3 units)

MENTORSHIP

Dates	Student Name (Program)	Project	Role
2/2021	Deborah Kupferwasser (DrPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
1/2021 -	Ami Bhatt (DrPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
6/2020 -	Amay Singh (DrPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
5/2020 – 5/2021	Ibrahim Alamir (PhD, Claremont Graduate University)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
4/2020 -	Spencer Loong (PhD, Clinical Psychology, Loma Linda University, School of Behavioral Health)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
10/2019 -	Cecilia Rocha (MPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Independent research project	Mentor
10/2019 -	Niribili Sarmah (MPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Independent research project	Mentor
1/2020 -	Michael Espero (PhD, Health Education & Promotion, Claremont Graduate University)	Directed Research Project	Mentor
9/2019 -	Ann Nguyen (PhD, Clinical Psychology, Loma Linda University, School of Behavioral Health)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
9/2019 – 12/2019	Samhita Kadiyala (undergraduate, Scripps College)	Independent research project	Mentor
6/2018 -	Pamela Ogata (PhD, Health Education & Promotion, Claremont Graduate University)	Dissertation Project	Member, Dissertation Committee
5/2018 – 9/2019	Brittany Lytle (DrPH, Claremont Graduate University)	Independent research project	Mentor
8/2016 – 5/2017	Wendy Mata Dominguez (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, USC)	Little Green Fingers	Preceptor, MPH practicum
1/2017 – 5/2017	Meena Adaikappan (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Claremont Graduate University)	Pesticide Use and Brain Cancer Meta-Analysis	Mentor

9/2016 – 12/2016	Aileen Dinh (undergraduate student, Claremont McKenna College)	Food Establishment Characteristics, Health Behaviors and Health Outcomes in Urban Areas of the United States: A Systematic Review	First Thesis Reader
1/2016 – 6/2016	Dennys Estevez (MPH, Health Education & Promotion, Loma Linda)	Efficacy of Employer-Based Smoking Cessation Programs: A Meta-Analysis	Co-Advisor, MPH project
6/2015 - 12/2015	Kristin Arthur (DrPH, Epidemiology, Loma Linda)	Effect of Parent Engagement on LA Sprouts Outcomes	Mentor
9/2014 – 6/2015	Nicole Alexander (MPH, Health Education & Promotion, Loma Linda)	Think Together: Whole Child Wellness Program pilot project	Preceptor, MPH practicum
9/2014 – 6/2015	Marian Ramzy (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Loma Linda)	Air Pollution and Depressed Mood (Applied Research)	Mentor
1/2015 – 6/2015	Hassan Alalaq (PhD, Epidemiology, Loma Linda)	Pesticide Use and Adverse Health Outcomes (Research)	Mentor
1/2013 – 5/2015	Lauren Cook Martinez (PhD, Health Education & Promotion, USC)	Design and Methodology of the LA Sprouts nutrition, cooking and gardening program for Latino youth: a randomized controlled intervention	Co-Advisor, Research project
1/2015 – 5/2015	Morgan Keefe (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, USC)	Little Green Fingers	Preceptor, MPH practicum
1/2015 – 5/2015	Athena French (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, USC)	Little Green Fingers	Preceptor, MPH practicum
9/2014-12/2014	Monique Chavez (MPH, Health Education & Promotion, Loma Linda)	Think Together: Whole Child Wellness Program pilot project	Preceptor, MPH practicum
1/2014 – 6/2014	Markeith Pilot (MPH, Health Education & Promotion, Loma Linda)	NIS Hospitalization Study on Parkinson’s Disease Morbidity and In-Hospital Mortality	Co-Advisor, MPH project
9/2012 - 12/2012	Lilian Sie (MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, UC Berkeley)	Hospitalizations Due to Hepatitis C in Los Angeles County, 2007-2009: Case Characteristics and Factors Associated with Mortality	Co-Advisor, MPH project

SERVICE

- Interim Chair**, IRB, Claremont Graduate University, 2020 –
- Member**, The Claremont Colleges COVID-19 Safety Planning Group, Testing Subcommittee, 2020-
- 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 –
Member, Diversity Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2018 –
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 –
Member, MPH Program Steering Committee, School of Community and Global Health, CGU, 2016 –
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

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 material for garden website; maintained website
- Designed print, electronic and other 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 (humanitarian organization), 2008 – 2013

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

Journal Reviewer

Environmental Health Perspectives	JAND
International Journal of Cancer	Gene
Diabetes Care	Hypertension
STOTEN	Journal of Nutrition
Nutrition and Metabolism	Preventive Medicine Reports
Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease	Journal of Aging and Health
Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior	Journal of the Neurological Sciences
BMJ	Contemporary Clinical Trials
Childhood Obesity	PeerJ
Journal of Ecology and the Natural Environment	Biology
Environmental Health	Endocrine, Metabolic & Immune Disorders - Drug
Public Health Nutrition	Targets

Journal Editorial Board

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

Grant Reviewer

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

Johns Hopkins Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, 2018

Maximo Novel, Spanish language immersion course, Guatemala, 2019

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 Scholar, 2019-2020 (Research and teaching award in Iceland January - April 2021)

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

Fulbright Specialist, 2017 (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 2018)

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, 9/30/05

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

Alzheimer Society International Congress 2018-present

International Society of Environmental Epidemiology, 2007-current

American Public Health Association, 2006-current

Society of Epidemiology, 2004-current

American Heart Association, 2006-2009

American Association of University Women 2016-present

Physicians for Social Responsibility 2016-present

SKILLS

Operating systems: Windows, Mac

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

Videoconferencing: Zoom, Teams, GoToMeeting, Google Hangouts, Skype, BlueJeans

Languages: proficiency in French, Italian, Spanish

Master Gardener (University of California Cooperative Extension certified)
Phlebotomy

COVID-19 WORK

Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions Series, “The WHO Response to COVID-19”, April 27, 2021
Westminster Gardens. <https://tinyurl.com/nst4hrkz>

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/ycwe4uga>

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>

[Academic Paper](#) Co-Author: Gatto NM, Shellhorn H. Optimal disease treatment in the presence of uncertainty.
Mathematical Biosciences 2021; 333: 108539.

[Academic Paper](#) Co-Author: Chipidza W, Akbaripourdibazar E, Gwanzura T, Gatto NM. A topic analysis of
traditional and social media news coverage of the early COVID-19 pandemic and implications for public health
communication. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* 03 March 2021, 1-23

Academic Paper Co-Author: Chipidza W, Krewson C, Gatto NM, Akbaripourdibazar E, Gwanzura T. Worlds Apart:
Ideological Variation in News Content and Source Credibility During a Pandemic. *Submitted to Journal of
Information Technology and Politics*

Research Collaboration: Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, Daniel Gluckstein and Lisa Diaz; Debbie Freund.
Factors that predict survival among predominantly Latino and low-income patients hospitalized with COVID-19
at PVHMC. Timing of convalescent plasma therapy and outcomes among patients hospitalized with COVID-19 at
PVHMC.

Research Collaboration: Riverside University Health System, Anthony Firek and Judi Nightingale; Debbie Freund.
Determining level of confidence in a SARSCoV-2 vaccine in the RUHS population.

Contributor, “COVID-19 Latest research news” summaries, [Inequality and Policy Research Center](#), Claremont
Graduate University at <https://research.cgu.edu/democratic-renewal/covid-19/>

Blogger, School of Community and Global Health, Claremont Graduate University Blog
<https://mycampus.cgu.edu/web/scgh/blog>

Member, The Claremont Colleges COVID-19 Safety Planning Group, Testing Subcommittee

Member, Resuming Human Subjects Research Committee, Claremont Graduate University

Source, subject matter expertise

- [Kaiser Health News and Politifact Healthcheck](#)
 - “DeSantis Advances Questionable Link Between Lockdowns and Despair” by Phil Galewitz February 24, 2021 <https://khn.org/news/article/desantis-advances-questionable-link-between-lockdowns-and-despair/>
- [Politifact](#), the Poynter Institute
 - “You’re fully vaccinated against COVID-19. What can you do now?” by Louis Jacobson March 11, 2021 <https://www.politifact.com/article/2021/mar/11/youre-fully-vaccinated-against-covid-19-now-what-c/>
 - “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 <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/dec/08/joe-biden/many-americans-say-they-dont-want-vaccine-should-w/>
 - “We are rounding the turn (on coronavirus). We are rounding the corner.” by Louis Jacobson October 23, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/oct/23/donald-trump/no-fight-against-coronavirus-isnt-rounding-corner-/>
 - “How much did protests contribute to LA’s COVID-19 surge? Data is still sparse” by Chris Nichols July 21, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jul/21/how-much-did-protests-contribute-las-covid-19-surg/>
 - “We have one of the lowest mortality rates in the world” from COVID-19” by Louis Jacobson July 20, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/jul/20/donald-trump/donald-trump-wrong-say-us-has-one-lowest-mortality/>
 - “Is a Second Wave of Coronavirus Coming” by Louis Jacobson June 22, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jun/22/second-wave-coronavirus-coming/>
 - “VP Mike Pence says Oklahoma flattened the COVID-19 curve. That’s False” by Louis Jacobson June 16, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/jun/16/mike-pence/has-oklahoma-flattened-curve-mike-pence-said/>
 - “How could reopenings, protests affect coronavirus infections?” by Louis Jacobson June 9, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/jun/09/how-could-reopenings-protests-affect-coronavirus-i/>
 - “Are coronavirus cases going down all over the US?” by Louis Jacobson May 28, 2020 <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/may/28/donald-trump/are-coronavirus-cases-going-down-all-over-us/>
- The Student Life, “Q&A: CGU epidemiologist Nicole M. Gatto talks COVID-19, masks and politics” by Gabe Fisher, November 18, 2020 <https://tsl.news/qa-cgu-epidemiologist-nicole-m-gatto-covid/>
- Los Angeles Times, “Is a routine trip to the doctor or dentist now a health hazard?” by David Lazarus, August 21, 2020 <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-08-21/column-coronavirus-healthcare-exams>
- [NY City News Service](#), “The Big Cost of a Little Confusion” by Sonya Swink, June 2, 2020 <https://www.nycitynewsservice.com/2020/06/the-big-cost-of-a-little-confusion/>
- New York Times, The Upshot, “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. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/08/upshot/when-epidemiologists-will-do-everyday-things-coronavirus.html>

Consulting Epidemiologist, Passteur www.passteur.com

Consulting Epidemiologist, Back-to-Campus Taskforce, All Saints Church, Pasadena <https://allsaints-pas.org/>

Member, Community Care Team, All Saints Church, Pasadena <https://allsaints-pas.org/coronavirus/>

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Invited talks or presentations

1. Panelist, "Strategies for Moving from Coursework to Completion", 'Re-Orientation Program' for doctoral students, Claremont Graduate University, February 1, 2019
2. Presenter, "Great Decisions - Global Health: Progress and Challenges", Westminster Gardens, April 3, 2018, Duarte, CA
3. 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
4. Speaker and panelist, "Community and School Gardens and Public Health". Territorial Repercussions, October 10, 2015, Los Angeles, CA
5. Panelist, Los Angeles 9th Annual Gathering of Community Gardens, October 3, 2015, Los Angeles, CA
6. 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
7. Speaker, "Lifestyle as Neurotherapeutics" Symposium, American Society for Experimental NeuroTherapeutics (ASENT) 17th Annual meeting, February 19-21, 2015, Washington, DC

Interviews or contributions to media

1. 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
2. School Gardens: Growing and eating ABCs (Asparagus, Broccoli, and Cauliflower). Practice Roundtable in ICAN: Infant, Child & Adolescent Nutrition
3. "LA Sprouts Program, Los Angeles"; short informational video produced by Gregory Mena and Tin H. Tran, December 4, 2012
4. "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
5. "Small Stuff" Kaiser Permanente 2012 Thrive Campaign television spot featuring Milagro Allegro Community Garden, first aired July 2012
6. "Focus on Food" pilot episode, aired on KPFK 90.7 FM Los Angeles, May 5, 2012 produced by Alan Minsky
7. "Parkinson's Alley" in the Sierra Club Magazine, Jan/Feb 2102.
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10. "Exploring LA Neighborhoods – 1st Stop Highland Park" aired on KPCC 89.3FM Los Angeles, June 27, 2010 with Shirley Jahad
11. "Nobody's Business" a film by Alan Berliner, San Francisco International Film Festival, San Francisco, CA, May 1997

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ACTIVE

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.

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

COMPLETED

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

\$787,935

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

\$275,000

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
R03ES017139 (Ritz)**

10/01/09 – 9/30/11

\$154,000

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
Pilot Grant (Gatto)**

10/1/09 – 3/01/11

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 at USC to estimate UV radiation exposure using publicly available UV maps.

**UCLA Southern California Education and Research Center
NIOSH Pilot Grant (Gatto)**

10/1/10– 9/30/11

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
T32ES01545 (Gatto)**

10/1/08 – 09/30/10

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-T32-AG00037 (Gatto)**

5/1/05 – 12/1/07

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 \$50,000
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.

Keep America Beautiful 9/1/09 – 8/30-10
Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant
\$10,000 grant to support the infrastructure of the Milagro Allegro Community Garden.

City of Los Angeles 2/1/10 – 11/30/10
Department of Public Works, Community Beautification Grant
\$10,000 grant to support the infrastructure of the Milagro Allegro Community Garden.

Annenberg Foundation 6/15/10 – 7/15/11; 7/15/11-6/15/12
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.

Kaiser Foundation Hospital Los Angeles 2009-2010; 2012-2013
Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Grants #20610585 & #20626783
Two grants, \$4,000 & \$12,000 to support the LA Sprouts pilot and RCT study

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council 2009
\$5500 grant to support education

Los Angeles City Council, First District 2009
\$2000, start-up funds