



The UCSF Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC) has been awarded a sixth consecutive five-year P30 grant from the National Institute on Aging. The CADC is part of a nationwide network of research centers, the Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), aimed at reducing health disparities within our aging population. For 25 years CADC has been dedicated to eliminating health disparities in minority aging populations.

CADC's research theme focuses on understanding multilevel social and behavioral mechanisms of health disparities impacting older adults and developing interventions to achieve health equity. Our most important mission is to provide mentoring and pilot funding for early career researchers from diverse backgrounds who will enhance the aging-research workforce. To date, CADC has been instrumental in the career development of 99 early-career investigators from historically underrepresented groups who subsequently have made significant contributions to minority aging research. During the most recent 5-year funding cycle, CADC supported 20 junior investigators who authored 87 publications as first or last author and secured 52 new grants as PI or MPI. Recent scholars have done impactful aging research ranging from a biomarker study in Latinas with breast cancer, to depression disparities among older adults from diverse racial-ethnic groups, to mental health and dementia among older sexual gender minorities.

CADC is excited about its new collaboration with Dr. Nancy Burke and the UC Merced Department of Public Health; CADC aims to fund one early-career Scientist from UC Merced per year. For the first year of the new funding cycle, CADC will fund pilot studies for three new early-career Scientists: UCSF Assistant Professors Dr. Janet Chu and Dr. Charles Windon, and UC Merced Assistant Professor, Dr. Maria-Elena Young.

Leah Karliner, MD MAS, in the Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, directs CADC; Dr. Nynikka Palmer, in the Departments of Medicine and Urology, is Associate Director. During the upcoming five-year cycle Drs. Karliner and Palmer, in collaboration with CADC faculty Drs. Anita Stewart, Tor Neilands, Celia Kaplan, Julene Johnson, Jennifer James, Alison Huang, Maria Garcia, Nancy Burke, and CADC Project Director Anita Ponce will continue the CADC mission of aging health disparities research and mentorship, as well as build upon and strengthen collaborations within UCSF, with UC Merced and with community aging organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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