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Home Town: East Lansing, MI
B.S.: Stanford University
MPH: UC Berkeley
PhD: University of California, Berkeley
Joined UC Merced: 2018

NCPC LEAD PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

Current Research Projects:

- Health and social effects of public housing renovation and redevelopment
- Education trajectories – what health is “bought” with different pathways to educational attainment
- Gentrification and health
- Developing a measurement tool to track the progress of patients who have multiple co-morbidities and complex social needs

Past Research Topics:

- Food environment and obesity,
- Gun violence

Graduate Student Research:

- Investigating the differential returns on health for educational attainment by sex, race/ethnicity, and family socioeconomic circumstances in a cohort of older adults.

Teaching Responsibilities:

Undergrad courses:

Grad courses: Professional seminar, Grant writing

Recent Success:

Awarded National Institute on Aging grant to study education trajectories

Social Epidemiology

Areas of expertise:

- Neighborhood / place
- Race/ethnicity
- Social determinants
- Measurement development

Current Grad Students:

Currently accepting graduate students for the 2019-2020 academic year

Community Affiliations:

- BRIDGE Housing
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders
- Healthy House

