

Faculty News and Notes

Joan Bloom, Ph.D., professor of health policy and management, was selected by the NIH to serve in the Social Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology, and Methods (1) Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review through June 2006. The study section reviews grant applications submitted to the NIH, makes recommendations to NIH national advisory councils and boards, and surveys the status of research within the section's field of science.

Gertrude Case Buehring, Ph.D., received an award through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program to teach and conduct research at National University in Heredia, Costa Rica. The topic of her research is "Worldwide prevalence of bovine leukemia virus infection: Research to track the spread of infection and education to prevent further dissemination."



Patricia A. Buffer, Ph.D., dean emerita and professor of epidemiology, was a member of a panel of scientists convened by the WHO International

Agency for Research on Cancer to analyze the combined results of more than 3,000 studies. Buffer and the others concluded that for types of cancer already known to be caused by smoking, the risk of tumors is even higher than previously noted. They further concluded that secondhand tobacco smoke increases the risk of lung cancer by 20 percent.

Jeffrey Burack, M.D., M.P.P., is principal investigator for a three-year award of \$757,000 from the University of California's systemwide AIDS research program to establish the East Bay AIDS Research Institute at the East

Bay AIDS Center at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. This new collaboration of researchers and clinicians in Alameda County will be dedicated to exploring and addressing the critical issues facing underserved people living with HIV. Working with him will be **Professors John M. Colford Jr., M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.**, and **Nicholas Jewell, Ph.D.**



Sylvia Guendelman, Ph.D., M.S.W., was promoted to full professor of maternal and child health. Her contributions in

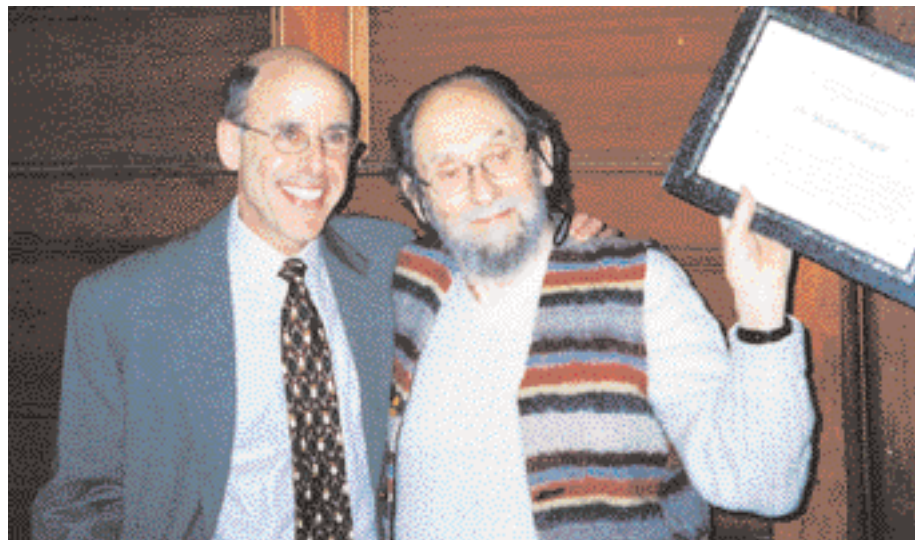
the areas of access to health care services and the health status of Hispanic and Latino populations are recognized both nationally and internationally.

Denise Herd, Ph.D., associate professor of behavioral sciences and associate dean for public health practice and community health, received an award of \$300,000 from the Robert Wood

Johnson Foundation through its Innovators Combating Substance Abuse program. The three-year grant, which ends in May 2004, supports interactive workshops and forums on alcohol and drug policy education and prevention activities related to substance abuse portrayal in rap music.

Arthur C. Hollister, M.D., M.P.H., former faculty member, was included in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

Susan Ivey, M.D., M.H.S.A., assistant clinical professor, recently published two chapters in *A Brown Paper: The Health of South Asians in the United States*. Published by the South Asian Public Health Association, the book is the first-ever comprehensive document on South Asian health in the United States and the first national initiative to evaluate and summarize existing knowledge about several key health indicators for South Asian Americans. Ivey's chapters focus on cardiovascular disease and women's health.



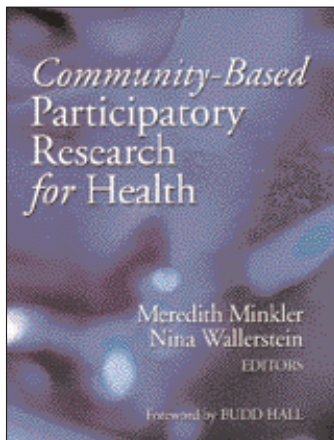
Sheldon Margen, M.D. (right), professor emeritus of public health nutrition, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Public Health Association–North. Margen was presented with the honor at the association's annual meeting. Pictured with him is **John Swartzberg, M.D.**

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Nicholas Jewell, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics and statistics, has authored *Statistics for Epidemiology*, which will be published by Chapman Hall later this year.

Joyce C. Lashof, M.D., professor emerita of public health and former dean, was appointed to the California Department of Health Services Environmental Health Surveillance System technical working group. This group was formed as a result of Senate Bill 702, which made California the first state in the nation to mandate a process for recommending possible options for establishing an environmental health surveillance system.

Thomas E. McKone, Ph.D., adjunct professor of environmental health sciences at the school and senior staff scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, has been elected a fellow of the Society for Risk Analysis.



Meredith Minkler, Dr.P.H., professor of community health education, and **Nina Wallerstein, Dr.P.H. '80**, a School of Public Health alumna and professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico, recently edited a new book, *Community-Based*

Participatory Research for Health (Jossey-Bass 2003). The book, which covers both methodological and ethical issues and includes theory-driven case studies and application tools, has been widely cited in response to the Institute of Medicine's recent naming of community-based participatory research as one of eight new areas in which schools of public health should offer professional training.

Joel M. Moskowitz, Ph.D., director of the Center for Family and Community Health, presented survey data at the American Public Health Association's 2002 annual meeting. The center conducted the California 2000 AIDS Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs and Behaviors Survey for the State of California's Office of AIDS to examine the prevalence of risk behaviors, identify socioeconomic differences in knowledge and beliefs, and measure public support for key policy issues. Among the survey's findings were that a majority of Californians support access to clean needles for injection drug users and giving condoms to prisoners to prevent the spread of HIV.

Lee W. Riley, M.D., professor of epidemiology and infectious diseases, was selected as an Ellison Medical Foundation Senior Scholar in Global Infectious Diseases. The award supports his research on mycobacterium tuberculosis latency and reactivation tuberculosis.

George W. Rutherford, M.D., adjunct professor of epidemiology and health administration and interim director of the Institute for Global Health, received the 2002 F. Marian Bishop Educator of the Year Award from the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine.

Richard M. Scheffler, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Health Economics and Public Policy, received funding from the California HealthCare Foundation for "Hospital Service Changes in California: Trends, Community Impact, and Implications for Policy," a study looking at how changes in hospital service influenced the financial viability of California's general acute care hospitals between 1995 and 2000.

Steve Selvin, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics and epidemiology, will have two books published in the near future. *Biostatistics*, to be published by Prentice Hall, will be available in time for fall classes, and the third edition of his book, *Statistical Analysis of Epidemiologic Data*, will be published by Oxford University Press in early 2004.

Stephen M. Shortell, Ph.D., M.P.H., Blue Cross of California Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Management, organized and cochaired the second-day plenary session, "Organizational Change and Leadership," at the Institute of Medicine's 2002 annual meeting. Shortell was also selected as the 2003 Distinguished Visitor by the National Health Care Group, Singapore, where he delivered several lectures and seminars. In addition, he was inducted into the UCLA School of Public Health's Alumni Hall of Fame for his contributions in health services research, health care quality, and health systems management.

Mark J. van der Laan, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics, authored *Unified Methods for Censored Longitudinal Data and Causality* with James M. Robins, published by Springer Verlag in 2002. 