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Ruth Shim, MD, MPH, is the Luke & Grace Kim Professor in Cultural Psychiatry and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, Davis. She also serves as Associate Dean of Diverse and Inclusive Education at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine.

Dr. Shim received an MPH in health policy from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and an MD from Emory University School of Medicine. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Association for Community Psychiatry. She serves on the Research and Evaluation Committee of the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

She serves on the Editorial Boards of *JAMA Psychiatry*, *Psychiatric Services*, *Community Mental Health Journal*, and *American Psychiatric Publishing*, and is co-editor of the books, *The Social Determinants of Mental Health*, and the recently published, *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. She is a former fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program, and an at-large member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Dr. Shim's research focuses on mental health disparities and inequities, and she provides clinical psychiatric care in the UC Davis Early Diagnosis and Preventative Treatment (EDAPT) Clinic.

Ninez A. Ponce, PhD, MPP, (BS UC Berkeley; MPP Harvard; PhD UCLA) is Professor in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, Director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, and Principal Investigator for the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). CHIS is the nation's largest state health survey, recognized as a national model for data collection on race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity and immigrant health. She is a health services researcher most interested in reducing transaction costs levied on consumers and providers that produce racial/ethnic disparities. Her research areas in health disparities focus on developing multicultural survey measures, implementing population-based health surveys in diverse populations, and examining the intersection of social factors and health policy. Dr. Ponce recently served on the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics. She has served on committees for the National Academy of Sciences and the National Quality Forum, where her expertise has focused on setting guidance for health systems in the measurement and use of social determinants of health as tools to monitor health equity. She has also served on several Technical Expert Panels on projects for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Health Services Resources Administration. In all engagements, Dr. Ponce brings her unique expertise on the nexus of health system understanding, rigorous scientific investigations anchored by community-engaged scholarship that is centered on health equity. In a recent *JAMA* article, she explains this equity-centered approach in her work as the leader of the California Health Interview Survey. She has received numerous awards from both community organizations and premier national organizations recognizing her work in health services research with policy impact. In 2019 Dr. Ponce and her team received the Academy Health Impact award for their contributions to population health measurement to inform public policies.



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Imelda Padilla-Frausto, PhD, MPH, is a research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. She received her PhD and her Master of Public Health degree from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health in the Department of Community Health Sciences and her Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of New Mexico. Her research agenda focuses on the structural and social determinants related to inequities in mental health, access to mental health care, and economic security.

Dr. Padilla-Frausto currently leads research on mental health outcomes using data from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). She is project manager for a tele-psychiatry evaluation among older adults. She is also the program director of the California Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index), which highlights and addresses the hidden economic insecurity faced by many older adults in California.

Dr. Padilla-Frausto is a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission, appointed by Hilda Solis, Board of Supervisor for District 1. She also serves on the Adult, Adolescent, and Child Technical Advisory Committees, and the Mental Health and Substance Use Workgroup for the California Health Interview Survey.

Hillary Konrad is the manager of the Prevention Network Development Unit within the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) of the California Department of Social Services. Hillary has worked for the OCAP for about 6 years and started as an analyst engaging directly with counties to improve OCAP funded prevention programs. Hillary has worked in child welfare for over 10 years for non-profits, the government, and private entities. Her passion is to change systems to invest in an upstream approach. Current projects include creating a model and process for cross-sector prevention planning and working on the Family First Prevention Services Act planning and implementation team. In her personal life she volunteered with CASA and to this day still meets with one child who touched her heart over 7 years ago.

Michael Williams, MSW, is the Strategies TA Co-Director at The Child Abuse Prevention Center in Sacramento. Michael has more than two decades of experience in organizational leadership and service to families in the foster care, early childhood, and disability services fields. Michael has a Master of Social Work degree from San Francisco State University, with a focus on organizational and community development. He serves as the Equity Committee Co-Chair for the California Essentials for Childhood initiative and recently advised the National Family Support Network in the development for their Revised Standards for Family Strengthening and Support.