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California Initiative to Advance
Precision Medicine

The California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine (CIAPM) has spent the first quarter of the year working hard at highlighting the work that California researchers are doing to champion the application of precision medicine.

In this newsletter, you will find a recap of the team's attendance to the Precision Medicine World Conference and we announce our chairing of a workshop at the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting.

Further, we provide updates to our supported projects in the ACEs Research Program and the release of our 2023 Annual Report, as well as announce a date for the spring meeting of the California Precision Medicine Advisory Council.

Finally, we spotlight the accolades several California universities have received from the Carnegie Foundation, and the work of a community researcher for the UCLA ACEs project, Anna Ginther.

We commend the wonderful work of our CIAPM network in leading the way as national leaders in the world of precision medicine.

The CIAPM Team

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Highlights from the 2025 Precision Medicine World Conference

Earlier this month, the CIAPM team attended the Precision Medicine World Conference in Santa Clara to learn about recent advances in therapeutics, diagnostics, & preventative care. CIAPM also had the opportunity to exhibit the exciting advancements from state-funded precision medicine research.

Among important highlights, CIAPM-Advisory Council member Dr. Keith Yamamoto presented a fireside chat with former FDA Commissioner Robert Califf about the challenges of applying precision medicine tools to populations most in need. Drs. Sharat Israni, Charles Chiu, Yvonne Maldonado, Clara Lajonchere, and Michael Snyder also paneled, moderated, or presented scientific talks on advances and challenges in the field.



Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

The Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) annual meeting will take place April 24-28th 2025 in Honolulu, HI and bring together pediatric researchers and practitioners with a common mission to improve child health and well-being worldwide.

Chief Science Officer, Dr. David Reiner, will chair a 'basic-translational-clinical' roundtable at the 2025 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting on April 27 at 7:00am HST. The session entitled, "Advancing Precision Medicine by Measuring ACEs, Toxic Stress, and Intervention Efficacy with Policy Implications," will feature an overview of CIAPM's ACEs Research Program and presentations from the UC Irvine, CHLA, Loma Linda, Stanford, and UCLA ACEs research teams. Drs. Glynn, Levitt, Marie-Mitchell, Sindher, Gilgoff, and Slavich will present data at the intersection of ACEs, toxic stress, biomarkers, and implementation science and describe policy implications.

If you would like to connect with CIAPM staff at the conference, please email Dr. David Reiner at david.reiner@chhs.ca.gov. To learn more about the meeting, please visit the webpage below.

[**2025 PAS Annual Meeting**](#)[**PAS ACEs Roundtable Info**](#)

CIAPM Demonstration Projects

Site Visits for the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Research Program

Chief Science Officer, Dr. David Reiner, attended site visits for the Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and Loma Linda University (LLU) ACEs teams in February and March. During these site visits, teams discussed preliminary data,



CHLA Site Visit



LLU Site Visit

2023 Annual Report for CIAPM



The 2023 CIAPM Annual Report has been released, highlighting the year's major programmatic accomplishments, including:

- The launch of the Depression Research Request for Proposals
- Progress on the Adverse Childhood Experience Research Program
- The completion of the Cancer Research Program and launch of the Representative Research Collaborative
- The efforts made in establishing a 50-state health innovation

Please follow the link below to
download the full report.

[Read the 2023 Annual Report for CIAPM](#)

CIAPM Network in the News

CIAPM-funded UCSF investigator, Dr. Neeta Thakur, will serve as a panelist on a *Research Uptake for Policy* seminar tomorrow, March 27, aimed at connecting decision-making with sound public health research. The event is being hosted by the California Collaborative for Public Health Research (CPR3) and the UCSF Partnerships for Research in Implementation Science for Equity (PRISE) Center.

[Register for the Seminar](#)

CIAPM-funded Loma Linda and Stanford investigators Drs. Ariane Marie-Mitchell and Rachel Gilgoff co-published a review article entitled "[Parenting Education to Improve Relational Health Through Pediatric Primary Care: A Scoping Review](#)" in the *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*.

Investigators at the UC Irvine ACEs research project, led by Drs. Tallie Baram and Laura Glynn, recently released a pre-print on their CIAPM-funded work, entitled "[Contribution of an under-recognized adversity to child health risk: Large-scale, population-based ACEs screening](#)" to *MedRxiv*. Dr. Laura Glynn also presented this work at the Society for Biopsychosocial Science and Medicine Meeting in Seattle, WA in a talk entitled "The Potential of Screening for Early Life Unpredictability to Enhance Child Health."

California Precision Medicine Advisory Council

May CA Precision Medicine Advisory Council Meeting

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29th from 2 – 5PM, where the public can view virtually. Please follow the link below to register for the webinar.

The May Agenda and meeting minutes from February will be posted on our Meetings webpage ahead of the next meeting.

[Register for the May Advisory Council Meeting](#)

CA Universities Elevated to Prestigious Research Statuses



American
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for the Advancement of Teaching

The American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation published their [2025 Carnegie Classifications of Institutions of Higher Education](#). These university rankings list doctoral-granting institutions that spend \$50 million or more in research spending for an 'R1 classification,' and \$5 million or more for an 'R2 classification.'

Two California universities recently achieved new R1 classifications in 2025, UC Merced and San Diego State University.

In addition, six universities, Cal Poly - Pomona, CSU Los Angeles, Pepperdine University, San Jose State University, Sacramento State University, and

The Foundation also created a new class of “Research Colleges and Universities,” non-doctoral granting schools with at least \$2.5 million in research dollars spent. Twenty-four California institutions were given that brand new designation in 2025. For the full list of California institutions on the Carnegie list, see the table linked below.

List of Research-Intensive California Institutions

Researcher Spotlight

An Interview with Anna Ginther



CIAPM-Funded Project: Identifying Social, Molecular, & Immunological Processes for Mitigating Toxic Stress & Enhancing Personalized Resilience (UCLA, Lead Principal Investigator: Dr. George Slavich)

Anna Ginther is Executive Director of the California Stress, Trauma, & Resilience (CAL STAR) Network, a UCLA-based initiative connecting and developing research, public engagement, and leadership to prevent and address the impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress.

Q: Why are community partnerships important for health research?

“Moving toward community-centered research approaches is essential for making health research more relevant, accessible, and impactful. Through my

been excluded from, or harmed by, the research enterprise.

Addressing these inequities means prioritizing research that values community insights and promotes the co-creation of knowledge, rather than relying on practices that study communities without meaningful involvement or direct benefit. By building reciprocal and respectful partnerships, we can advance research that not only deepens our understanding of health disparities but also drives meaningful change for the communities most impacted.”

For more of this inspiring interview, read the full feature at the link below

[Read the Interview](#)

External Opportunities

National Academy of Medicine Early-Career Fellowships

The National Academies have opened their series of 2025 policy-oriented fellowships, nominations for which are **due on June 3, 2025**.

James C. Puffer, M.D. - American Board of Family Medicine Fellowship (ABFM)

The Puffer/ABFM Fellowship at the National Academies of Medicine is open to early-career health policy and science scholars in family medicine participating in health and medicine-related work.

[Learn More About the Puffer Fellowship](#)

The Greenwall Fellowship in Bioethics is open to talented, early-career bioethics scholars engaging in evidence-based healthcare or public health studies and interested in the policy-making process to improve the access and care for patients in domestic and global health care systems.

[Learn More About the Greenwall Fellowship](#)

Gilbert S. Omenn Fellowship

The Gilbert S. Omenn Fellowship is open to early-career physician-scientists combining biomedical research, public health, and clinical medicine to expand the nation's capacity for research, leadership, and policy development and advance health.

[Learn More About the Omenn Fellowship](#)

The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research - Emerging Leader Award

The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research Emerging Leader Award is accepting letters of intent (LOI) for a 3-year funding award of up to \$750,000 for early career investigators (U.S. or Canada based, with an MD, PhD or equivalent) who are conducting high-risk, high-impact cancer research.

LOIs will be accepted until **May 5, 2025**.

[Learn More About the Mark Foundation Award](#)

RWJF - Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address Systemic Racism

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is accepting applications for their "Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address

This funding opportunity focuses on community-led pilot studies to produce new, actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to address forms of systemic racism. This call has an interest in systems interventions that dismantle or disrupt the health effects of systemic racism and positively affect community health.

Proposals will be accepted until **June 4, 2025**.

[Learn More About the Call for Proposals](#)

External Events

Anxiety and Depression Association of America 2025 Annual Conference

April 3 - 5 | Las Vegas, NV

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA) annual meeting brings together scientists and clinicians to share new discoveries in the science and treatment of anxiety disorders, OCD, PTSD, and depression in children and adults.

[Learn More About the Conference](#)

April 7 - 9 | Louisville, KY

The RISE Summit on Social Determinants of Health is a gathering for cross-sectional thought leaders to discuss actionable, tactical, and scalable solutions to social determinants of health (SDoH) challenges and achieve better outcomes for the most vulnerable populations.

[**Learn More About the Summit**](#)**Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting****May 1 - 3 | Minneapolis, MN**

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) biennial convening will bring together international, multidisciplinary, nonprofit professional researchers and practitioners, with a shared goal to promote the understanding of child development through research and dissemination.

[**Learn More About the Meeting**](#)

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