

## EPIDEMIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS

### CURRENT

**Rupak Data** - MD/PhD student (2008 to present)  
**Leona Bassonova**– PhD student (2008 - present)  
**Hyeong Shin** - PhD student (2007 - present)  
**Erin Kent** – PhD student (2005 - present)  
**Michael Johnson** - PhD student (2003 - present)

### GRADUATES

#### **Josephine A. Bitler (aka Espinoza)**

PhD Conferred: 6/13/2008

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Dissertation Title: Diabetes in Hispanic girls: Susceptibility and Environment

Dissertation Chair/Advisor: Chad Garner, D.Phil.

#### **Joyce Chang**

PhD Conferred: 9/12/2007

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Dissertation Title: The association between neighborhood traffic and repeated acute respiratory illnesses that required emergency department visits and/or hospitalization for children living in a metropolitan area

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

#### **Loyda B. Mendez**

PhD Conferred: 12/8/2006

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

Dissertation Title: The role of airborne bacterial particulate in the development of allergic asthma

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

#### **Sacha Satram**

PhD Conferred: 9/13/2006

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Dissertation Title: Genetic & Environmental Factors and Male Breast Cancer Risk

Advisor: Hoda Anton-Culver, Ph.D., Dissertation Chair

#### **Richard S. Campbell, M.D.**

MS Conferred: 6/17/2006

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

Thesis Title: Comparison of Serum Versus Lipid-Adjusted Concentrations of Organochlorine Pesticides for the Evaluation of Association with Exposure Variables and Health Effects in a Community-based Environmental Health Study

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

**Josh Floro**

MA Conferred: 3/24/2006

SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Thesis Title: The gateway to a second "licit" drug: Examining the sequential order of alcohol and cigarette use in high school

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

**W. Wei Chung Chang**

MS Conferred: 6/19/2004

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

Thesis Title: The relationship of estimated dose of particulate matter and Forced Expiratory Volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>) in asthmatic children

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

**Joan Largent**

PhD Conferred: 9/10/2003

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Dissertation Title: Effect of hormonal and reproductive factors on stage at diagnosis and prognostic marker in early onset breast cancer

Advisor: Hoda Anton-Culver, Ph.D., Dissertation Chair

**Kathleen P. Bjork**

PhD Conferred: 9/11/2002

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Dissertation Title: Use of HMG COA Reductase Inhibitors & Risk of Colorectal Cancer

Advisor: Hoda Anton-Culver, Ph.D., Dissertation Chair

**Pelin Cinar, M.D.**

MS Conferred: 9/11/2002

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND POLICY

Thesis Title: Attitudes and beliefs of Orange County primary and secondary school students on drugs, alcohol and tobacco

Advisor: Hoda Anton-Culver, Ph.D., Thesis Chair

MD Awarded: 6/16/2007

**Steve Speer**

PhD Conferred: 9/10/1997

SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Dissertation Title: Geographic and Epidemiologic analysis of the proximity to petroleum refinery waste dumps and the incidence of acute myeloid leukemia and multiple myeloma in Orange County, CA

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.

**Steve Speer**

MA Conferred: 12/9/1994

SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Thesis Title: An environmental assessment of the bacterial growth potential of ground and surface waters using Plano-Morphometry image analysis

Advisor: Ralph Delfino, M.D., Ph.D.