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Description

Lawrence Palinkas is the Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health and chair of the Department of Children, Youth and Families. He also holds secondary appointments as professor in the departments of anthropology and preventive medicine at USC.

A medical anthropologist, he is an expert in the areas of preventive medicine, cross-cultural medicine and health services research. He is particularly interested in behavioral health, global health and health disparities, implementation science, community-based participatory research, and the sociocultural and environmental determinants of health and health-related behavior with a focus on disease prevention and health promotion. His research has included studies of psychosocial adaptation to extreme environments and man-made disasters; mental health needs of older adults; cultural explanatory models of mental illness and service utilization; HIV and substance-abuse prevention in Mexico; evaluation of academic-community research practice partnerships; and the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices for delivery of mental health services to children, adolescents and underserved populations. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, NASA, National Institutes of Health, the MacArthur Foundation, and the William T. Grant Foundation. His current research encompasses implementation of child and adolescent mental health services, sustainment of prevention programs and initiatives, and effects of climate change on vulnerable populations. He also provides expertise to students and colleagues in the use of qualitative and mixed research methods.

Among Palinkas's scholarly achievements are the Antarctic Service Medal from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Navy in 1989; deputy chief officer of the Life Sciences Standing Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research in 2002; chair of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute's External Advisory Council in 2003; co-lead of the Grand Challenge for Social Work to create social responses to a changing environment; and membership on committees of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, American Anthropological Association and Society for Applied Anthropology. He is the author of more than 360 publications.

Industry Expertise

Health and Wellness, Research, Education/Learning, Social Services, Mental Health Care

Topics

Disaster Mental Health Systems, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Cross-Cultural Anthropology, Preventive Medicine, Medical Anthropology, Health Services Research, Global Health, Child Mental Health, Primary Care

Affiliations

Education

University of California, San Diego

Ph. D.

University of California, San Diego

M. A.

University of Chicago

B. A.

Accomplishments

Visiting Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley

2011-2012

Sterling C. Franklin Award, Distinguished USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Faculty

2010

Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

2008

Mellon Award for Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

2008

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