



New Associate Directors for Training

I am pleased to announce Krista Harrison, PhD and Ari Hoffman, MD will be the new Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, Associate Directors for Training. They will build on the work Dan Dohan, PhD has done in this role for the last fifteen years. The Associate Director for Training has long played a central role in our nurturing inter-disciplinary, inter-professional health services and policy research. IHPS post-doctoral training and fellowship programs have launched the careers of many nationally and internationally renowned scholars and policy leaders.

Krista and Ari have exciting ideas about how we can do more to support health services and policy research training campus-wide. This includes strengthening our linkages with undergraduate medical education, finding new opportunities to collaborate with the Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy, and Dentistry, engaging students in research, and continuing our successful T32 training program collaboration with UC-Berkeley. Equally important, they will be part of the leadership team of IHPS, bringing unique perspectives and supporting coordination across all of our activities.

Please join me in welcoming Krista and Ari to the IHPS leadership team!

Joanne Spetz
Director



Krista Harrison, PhD

"I'm thrilled to join forces with Ari Hoffman as the Associate Director for Training at IHPS. Mentoring and teaching is the most rewarding part of my role at UCSF, a way to pass along the intellectual generosity from which I have benefited in my career. I look forward to fostering the interdisciplinary health policy training environment IHPS enables across the University.

Krista Harrison is a nearly-Associate (knock on wood, waiting for notice) Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics. She is a health policy, ethics, and health services researcher whose program of research aims to transform clinical practice, health systems, and health policy for older adults with serious illness. Her work focuses on home- and community-based hospice and palliative care for older adults with dementia. Her expertise includes qualitative and quantitative research methods, health policy



Ari Hoffman, MD

"I am ecstatic to join the IHPS leadership team as Associate Director for Training alongside my partner, Krista Harrison. I hope to cultivate partnerships across the university and beyond our walls to expand health policy education, with opportunities for the entire community at various stages of professional development to learn, engage, and advocate for change."

Ari Hoffman is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Division of Hospital Medicine (DHM) at UCSF. He joined the faculty in 2014 as a clinician-educator, and works on the inpatient services at Moffitt-Long Hospital. He is also the Value Improvement Director for DHM and the Medical Director of Hospital Medicine at St. Mary's Medical Center. He has been affiliated faculty with IHPS since 2018 with a focus on teaching costs of care, healthcare value, and health policy.

ethics, implementation science, and the translation of research to policy. Krista completed undergraduate training in English and Biology at Williams College and PhD in Bioethics, Health Policy & Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She previously contributed to national program evaluations at Mathematica Policy Research and served as Director of Research and Education at Capital Caring, a large community-based non-profit hospice and palliative care provider serving the Washington DC metropolitan area. Krista moved west for an aging research T32 fellowship at UCSF in 2015, expecting to move back east 2 years later. Instead, she joined faculty in 2017 and lives on a houseboat in Sausalito with a spouse, 4yo son, dog, cat, sailboat, kayak and 10 bicycles. She completed the CTSI implementation science certificate and was an Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health at the UCSF site of the Global Brain Health Institute. Krista has been affiliated faculty in IHPS since 2018 and works closely with the Medical Cultures Lab on applied clinical research using qualitative methods. Within the Division of Geriatrics, Krista also serves as Associate Director of the T32 Aging Research Program, Associate Director of Analytic Research Operations, and Division Wellness Officer. She's thru-hiked the John Muir Trail and 400 miles of the Appalachian Trail, and if pandemics and fire season allow, she'll bring her son backpacking this summer.

Ari received his bachelor's degree at Stanford and his MD from UCSF. He has taken every opportunity to hit the pause button on traditional training: he worked as a translational bench researcher with the Pacific Vascular Research Lab at UCSF, a pre-doctoral Bioethics fellow at the NIH where he studied the use of comparative effectiveness research as a tool for reducing waste in healthcare spending, and as an intern with the Center for Medical Technology Policy in Baltimore. Many of these opportunities are a direct result of mentorship from IHPS faculty. Before joining the faculty at UCSF, he spent a year as adjunct clinical faculty at a large public referral hospital in southwest Uganda as part of the Global Health Service Partnership, a public-private partnership between Peace Corps Response and Seed Global Health. Ari's professional passions include the pursuit of the highest value healthcare for everyone, clinical and policy education, and policy implementation at the health system level. Between work and playing with his 5-year-old and 8-month-old sons, he enjoys finding awe in the world, making reclaimed wood furniture, learning the piano, and spontaneous dance parties in the kitchen.