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New Grantee Workshop
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences
National Cancer Institute
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Current position/roles

- Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics
- Co-Investigator, Greater Bay Area Cancer Registry
- Co-Director, Biostatistics & Population Research Shared Resource, Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

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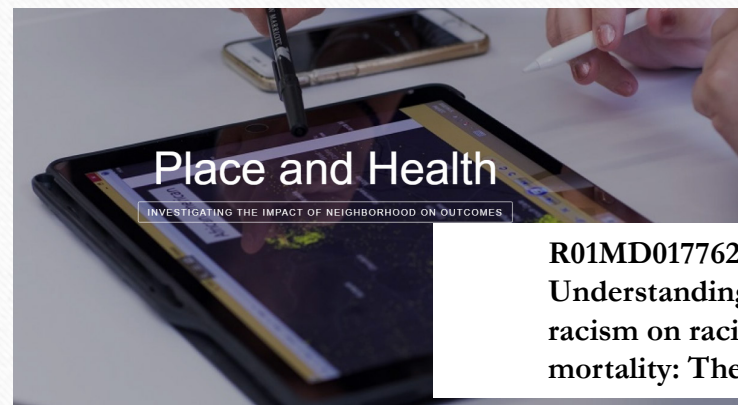
Current Research: DREAM Lab



**R01CA237540; MPIs: Shariff-Marco/Pruitt;
Ethnicity and Nativity in Cancer –Latino &
Asian Enclaves: The ENCLAVE study**

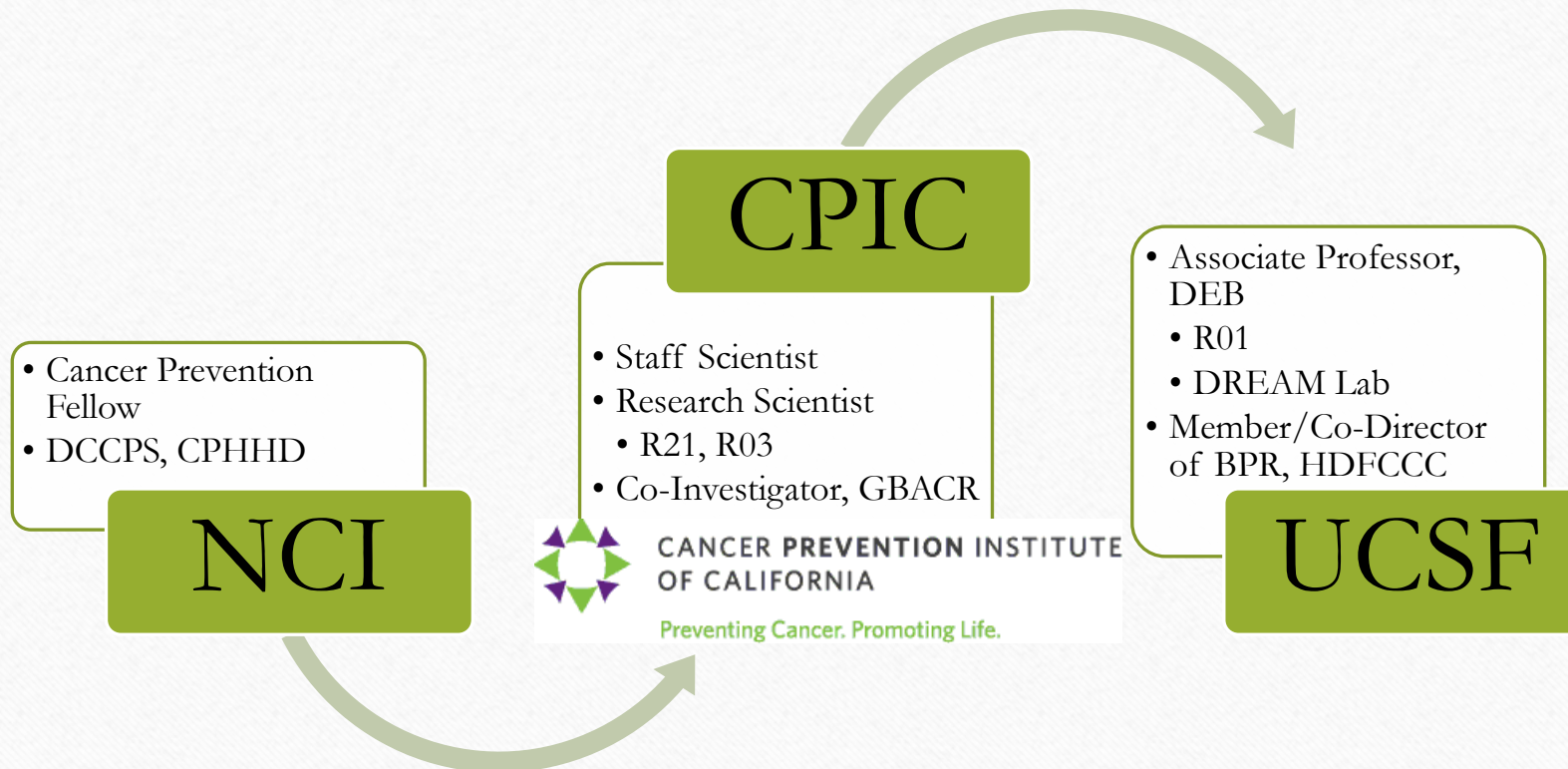


**R01CA225478; PI: Shariff-Marco;
Understanding the Multilevel Drivers of
Liver Cancer Disparities**



**R01MD017762; MPIs: Shariff-Marco/Cheng;
Understanding the impact of structural
racism on racial/ethnic inequities in
mortality: The Multiethnic Cohort study**

Career Trajectory (post PhD)



Tips for success

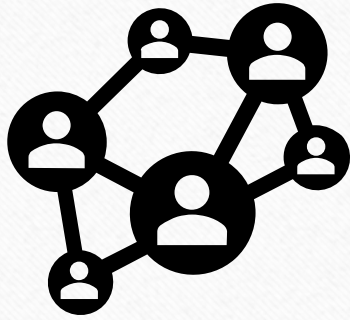
- Finding the right mentors (formal and informal)
- Excellent collaborators/studies
 - Pathways Breast Cancer Cohort
 - Multiethnic Cohort



The Multiethnic Cohort Study

Understanding ethnic differences in cancer to prevent it in all populations

- Patience and persistence: let the science to guide your grant submissions
- Building relationships with NCI Program Officers



Lessons learned



- Small business skills
 - Budget management
 - Staff management
- Organizational/Institutional culture
- Grants administration
 - Single IRB
 - DUAs
- Service/How to say no
 - No, but here is someone else
 - No, but in the future
 - No, ...
- Work-Life balance
 - Integration, Harmony
 - Life navigation

Best Advice

- Grant portfolio: balance between PI and Co-I applications
- Have multiple mentors
 - Research alignment
 - Institutional insights
 - Broader career goals/trajectory
- There are many paths to success



Thank you and Questions

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