

# Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review January 2026

## Upcoming Events:

**NAPSA Conference – November 16, 18, 2026. Austin Texas**

**Link to Registration and Information.**

**<https://www.napsa-now.org/annual-conference/>**

**CFPIC Training – March 9, 2026, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & March 10, 2026, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Cal AIM in Practice for Children, Youth & Families.**

**Link to Registration:**

**[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rRSw1DwRDFMm9iTwIMR\\_LdVGKfA9FAPu/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rRSw1DwRDFMm9iTwIMR_LdVGKfA9FAPu/view)**

**USC Symposium on Elder Abuse – Judith D. Tamkin. February 26, 27, 2026. Pasadena. The Westin, Pasadena.**

**Link to Registration:**

**<https://elderjustice.usc.edu/tamkin-2026/>**

## Adult Welfare:

**AARP Research. December 2025. Lona Choi Allum & Gerad Chuck Rainville.**

**Disconnected: The Escalating Challenge of Loneliness Among Adults 45-Plus. The research discusses loneliness among adults forty-five and older is rising at an alarming rate.**

**Link to Article.**

**<https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/social-leisure/relationships/loneliness-social-connections-2025/>**

### **Child Welfare:**

Los Angeles Times. January 21, 2026. Rebecca Ellis. State Bar Investigating Law Firm at Center of Los Angeles County's \$4-Billion Sex Abuse Settlement. The article discusses the State Bar of California is investigating Downtown LA Law Group who represents thousands of victims in the country's largest sex abuse settlement.

#### **Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-01-21/state-bar-investigation-la-county-sex-abuse-settlement>

### **Health:**

Los Angeles Times. January 15, 2026. Karen Garcia. Flu Hospitalizations Surging, California health Officials Warn. The article advises that California Officials are issuing warning about a new flu strain that is increasing flu related cases and hospitalizations statewide.

#### **Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-01-15/flu-hospitalizations-surging-california-health-officials-warn>

### **Immigration:**

Los Angeles Times. January 1, 2026. Suhauna Hussain. Immigration Raids Linked to Significant California Job Losses, Analysis Finds. The article highlights the work of Edward Flores, whose research shows a "stark impact of federal immigration raids on California's Economy.

#### **Link to Article:**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-01-01/immigration-raids-california-job-losses-analysis>

Cal Matters. January 20, 2026. Wendy Fry. California's Newest ICE Center Has 1,400 Detainees. What Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla Saw There. The article discusses the facility, a former prison, in Kern County. The article in part discussed concerns with receipt of medical care, for those detained.

#### **Link to Article:**

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/01/california-city-ice-detention-senators/>

### **Poverty:**

Los Angeles Times. Michael Hiltzek. January 8, 2026, Why California Should Tax Billionaire's Wealth. The opinion piece discusses why this initiative should be supported coupled with why some do not support it.

#### **Link to Opinion Piece.**

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2026-01-08/yes-california-should-tax-billionaires-wealth-heres-why>

Los Angeles Times. January 9, 2026. Christophe Rugabar. December Hiring Slows to 50,000 Jobs as Unemployment Dips to 4.4%. The article discusses the sluggish December hiring concluded a year of weak employment gains.

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2026-01-09/december-hiring-slows-to-50-000-jobs-as-unemployment-dips-to-4-4>

Los Angeles Times. Ali Aswenson & Nicky Forster. January 13, 2026. Fewer Americans Sign up for Affordable Care Act Health Insurance as Costs Spike. The article discusses 800,000 fewer people have signed up for Affordable Care Act Plans this year; with concerns after the first bill if received more may drop out.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2026-01-13/fewer-americans-sign-up-for-affordable-care-act-health-insurance-as-costs-spike>

Los Angeles Times. January 13, 2026. David Zahniser. Los Angeles Violated Open Meeting Law with Plan to Clear Homeless Encampments, Judge Rules. A Superior Court Judge, according to the article, said the city ran afoul of the Ralph M. Brown Act by approving a plan to remove a 9,800 homeless encampment behind closed doors.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-01-10/la-violated-open-meeting-law-with-plan-to-clear-homeless-encampments-judge-rules>

Cal Matters. January 13, 2026. Jeanne Kuang. Newsom Touts Gains Against EBT Theft as Trump Presses Blue State on Benefits Fraud. The article discusses low-income Californians once lost millions of dollars a month to fraudsters who raided their accounts for food assistance and other public benefits. Governor Newsom highlights security improvements.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/01/california-welfare-fraud-improvement/>

Cal Matters. January 15, 2026. Maya C. Millier and Jeanne Kuang. The Fight Over How to Pay for Medi-Cal Puts Pressure on Newsom to Raise Taxes. The article discusses the Governor would not support a 5% wealth tax on the state's billionaires.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/01/billionaires-tax-health-funding/>

**Cal Matters. January 16, 2026. Marisa Kendall & Ben Christopher. California Counties Must Jump Through New Hoops to get Homelessness Funds. The article discussed the Newsom Administration and the Legislature are adding strings to homeless funds, which they hope will address policy failures.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/01/homelessness-funding-2026/>**

**Cal Matters. January 27, 2026. Marisa Kendall. Can AI Help Make Homeless Californians healthier? The article discusses a California Company is testing Whether the Technology can help improve the health of people living on the streets.**

**Link to Article:**

**<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/01/akido-street-medicine-ai/>**