

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

December 2023

Adult Welfare:

USC Center for Elder Justice Pod Cast. December 18, 2024. Not Born Yesterday. Elder Abuse, The Intentional Act or Failure to Act that Causes or Creates Harm to a Person over 60 Years of Age. The podcast features Dr. Laura Mosqueda. Her biography indicates she has led studies on markers of abuse and neglect and has established the first forensic center on elder abuse.

Link to Podcast.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/how-to-recognize-and-avoid-elder-abuse/id1587173329?i=1000632799132>

Child Welfare

Los Angeles Times. December 10, 2023. Adam Elmahrek. Owner of Riverside County Foster Home for Disabled Children Again Charged with Murder. The article discusses the owner of a Riverside County Foster Home charged with murder of a teenager for a second time.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-10/owner-of-riverside-county-foster-home-for-disabled-children-again-charged-with-murder>

Calmatters. December 29, 2023. Nigel Duara. California New Laws for 2024: Tougher Penalties for Child Trafficking. The article explains that a conviction for child trafficking will become a “Serious Felony” in California.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2023/12/child-trafficking-new-california-laws-2024/>

John Burton Advocates for Youth. List of Tax Filing/Tax Credits/Informational Resources.

List of Resources:

<https://jbay.org/resources/tax-filing-tax-credits-informational-resources/>

Drought:

Calmatters. December 19, 2023. California Approves Rules that Turn Sewage into Drinking Water. The article discusses suppliers have detailed steps to create a new source of drinking water; due to cost it will be large suppliers.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/environment/2023/12/california-rules-turn-sewage-into-drinking-water/>

Los Angeles Times. December 27, 2023. Susanne Rust, Jessica Garrison & Ian James. Their Land is Sinking. But Tulare Lake Farm Barons Defy Calls to Cut Groundwater Pumping. The article explores the issues with groundwater pumping, and concerns if actions are not taken.

Link to Article:

<HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/ENVIRONMENT/STORY/2023-12-27/TULARE-LAKE-LAND-BARONS-DEFY-CALLS-TO-CUT-GROUNDWATER-PUMPING>

Health:

Los Angeles Times. December 23, 2023. Rong-Gong Lin II. A New Coronavirus Variant May be Behind California's Covid Rise. The article discusses the Coronavirus transmission is spiking in California; a new subvariant may be partly to blame; according to officials.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-23/why-the-new-coronavirus-strain-jn-1-may-be-behind-californias-covid-uptick>

Immigration:

Los Angeles Times. December 24, 2023. Medi-Cal Will Soon be Open to All Papers or no Papers. The article discussed next year; California will provide Medi-Cal benefits to the last remaining group of undocumented people in the ages of 26-49.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-24/medi-cal-will-soon-be-open-to-all-papers-or-no-papers-she-wants-her-neighbors-to-know>

Calmatters. December 28, 2023. Kristin Hwang. California Becomes First State to Offer Health Insurance to all Eligible Undocumented Adults. The article explores the reaction of Undocumented Californians when they visit health clinics and learn they are eligible for Medi-Cal Insurance.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/2023/12/undocumented-health-insurance-new-california-laws-2024/>

Poverty:

Los Angeles Times. December 11, 2023. Gabrielle LaMarr, Le Mee, and Connor Sheets. Bass Sees Gains in Homelessness. The article discusses her success with homelessness and that areas that were successful are again seeing the homeless on the streets.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-11/mayor-karen-bass-inside-safe-program-finishes-its-first-year>

Cal Matters. December 12, 2023. Rhonda Lyons and Jeanne Kuang. Hundreds of Formerly Homeless People Get Evicted after Los Angeles Nonprofits Fails to Pay Rent on Time. The article discusses the Los Angeles nonprofit HOPICS got \$140 million in public funds to house the homeless, but it failed to pay rent and some of the clients ended up homeless again.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2023/12/homeless-los-angeles-evicted/>

Los Angeles Times. December 14, 2023. Homeless Camp Sweeps Result in Police Citations as often as Housing Offers, Survey Finds. The article discussed half of the survey participants experienced an encampment sweep; forced relocation.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-14/homeless-camp-sweeps-result-in-police-citations-as-often-as-housing-offers-survey-finds>

Los Angeles Times. December 19, 2023. Doug Smith. \$750 a Month, No Questions Asked, Improved the Lives of Homeless People. The article explored the findings of a USC study where homeless people go at \$750 stipend. Those in receipt of the stipend were less likely to be unsheltered and more able to meet basic needs than a control group.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-19/750-a-month-no-questions-asked-improved-the-lives-of-homeless-people>

Calmatters. December 22, 2023. Ben Christopher. State's End of Year Affordable Housing Bonanza Likely to Leave Dozens of Near Ready Projects 'Mothballed.' The article discusses the State has Hundreds of Millions to Spend; while the Developers indicate they need billions.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2023/12/affordable-housing-california-2/>

Workforce:

Calmatters. December 27, 2023. Levi Sumagaysay. California New Laws for 2024: Employees Get Protection for Using Cannabis. The article discusses two new laws in which in California employers cannot ask employees about use of cannabis outside the workplace and cannot use hair or urine tests.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2023/12/cannabis-employees-new-laws-california-2024/>