“USC’s new Capital Campus provides boundless opportunity to advance equity in global health by connecting our world-class research faculty, students, and alumni to policymakers in the U.S. government and other global health decision makers in Washington, D.C.”

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CONNECTING RESEARCH TO POLICY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Global health at USC is a university-wide enterprise, linking the health sciences to cinematic arts, communications and journalism, engineering, humanities, international relations, law, social work, and more. Our diverse research faculty bring these disciplines to bear on the megatrends shaping global health in the 21st century, from climate change to gender inequality to population aging. Our Capital Campus provides a coast-to-coast bridge between our California-based faculty and the epicenter of global health decision-making in Washington, D.C.

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To work with partners at USC and around the world to address health-related disparities and inequalities, take a multidisciplinary approach to advance the evidence base about what works, train the next generation of leaders, and inform public policy.

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- International Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Equity in Global Health Diplomacy

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BROADENING THE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL POLICY DIALOGUE

Building on California’s legacy of leadership in global health, our policy dialogues bring California’s elected representatives and policy stars into dialogue with leading global health actors from around the world.

Why Should Californians Care About Global Health?
February 11, 2022

Featuring Rep. Judy Chu (CA-28) and Rep. Katie Porter (CA-47), our inaugural dialogue in 2022 showcased California’s stake in the most pressing global health challenges of our time, from climate change to restrictions on reproductive freedom.

Embedding Equity in U.S. Global Health Financing and Diplomacy
October 12, 2022

California native Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, joined health equity experts from Kenya and the World Health Organization to discuss how to make global health equity a U.S. foreign policy priority, with Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-12) providing featured opening remarks.

HIV/AIDS and the Longevity Dividend
September 28, 2023

Rep. Ami Bera, MD (CA-06) headlined this dialogue between U.S. government officials and experts from Kenya and Uganda about how global HIV/AIDS programs can better support health systems in low and middle-income countries to adapt to population aging.

February 20, 2024

Two USC graduates serving in the U.S. Congress, Rep. Young Kim (CA-40) and Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA-37) appeared together on the USC campus for the first time to discuss key global health issues of concern to them, including child and maternal health, the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and more.