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IN THE NEWS:

Pornography and Rick Santorum

A [LiveScience](#) article published Friday about comments Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum made on the effect of pornography on adults and teens cited research by Neil Malamuth, UCLA professor of communication studies and psychology, examining the effects of viewing pornography on men.

UCLA Class Looks at Science of Food

An [LA Weekly](#) blog reports today on "Science and Food: The Physical and Molecular Origins of What We Eat," a spring 2012 course taught by Amy Rowat, assistant professor of integrative biology and physiology, which will feature public lectures by renowned chefs and food writers.

Israel's Critics in Jewish Community

An article in Sunday's [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) about dissent within Israel and the American Jewish community over Israel's policies toward Palestinians and its foreign policy cited the research of Gabriel Piterberg, UCLA professor of history and author of "The Returns of Zionism: Myths, Politics and Scholarship in Israel."

Sleeping Pills May Pose Risk

An article in Saturday's [New York Times](#) about a study showing that people using prescription sleep aids were five times as likely as non-users to die over a two-and-a-half-year period cited research by Dr. Michael Irwin, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA and director of UCLA's Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology, and colleagues indicating that even modest sleep loss reduces white blood cell activity, which helps protect the body against infection and cancer.

Meaning of 'Diversity' Becoming Fuzzy

The [Atlantic](#) magazine reports today on a study led by Miguel Unzueta, assistant professor of management and organizations at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, examining the ways in which different types of people use the term "diversity."

Benefit of Relationships Without Marriage

An article in today's [U.S. News & World Report](#) about unmarried couples who live together cites several studies on the health benefits of intimacy, including research by Theodore Robles, UCLA assistant professor of health psychology. Robles and Benjamin Karney, professor of psychology and co-director of the Relationship Institute at UCLA, are quoted.

Prof's Sculptures Meant to Cheer Children

A [Los Angeles Times](#) blog reported Saturday on 11 sculptures made by Robert Israel, UCLA professor of design and media arts, that will soon decorate the children's wing of the new Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

This Is Your Brain on Love

A column in Saturday's [New York Times](#) about neurobiology and social relationships referenced research by Dr. Daniel Siegel, UCLA associate clinical professor of psychiatry and an investigator at the UCLA Center for Culture, Brain and Development; Dr. Allan Schore, UCLA associate clinical professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences; and Naomi Eisenberger, UCLA assistant professor of psychology. Siegel was quoted.

UCLA Receives NEH Grant

A blog article in Thursday's [Los Angeles Times](#) about recent grants given by the National Endowment for the Humanities highlighted a \$185,000 grant to UCLA for archival work on Mexican American civic participation in Los Angeles during the late 20th century spearheaded by Chon Noriega, director of UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center and a professor at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.

Report: Police Actions Warranted at Berkeley

The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) reported Sunday, and the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) and [San Jose Mercury News](#) reported Saturday, on a review conducted by UCLA Assistant Police Chief Jeff Young examining UC Berkeley police actions during a student protest on the Berkeley campus last fall. Young was quoted in the coverage.

Gas Prices Harm Student Commuters

An [Associated Press](#) article published Saturday about how rising gas prices affect students who drive highlighted UCLA's alternative transportation options, which include vans and subsidized fares for buses and trains.

UCLA Student Honored at White House

An [Examiner](#) blog reported Thursday that UCLA student Cameron Hajialiakbar was honored at a White House ceremony as a "Champion of Change" for his work as a founder of UCLA's chapter of Coaching Corps, which puts volunteer coaches in after-school programs for low-income youths, encouraging them to exercise and live healthy lives.

UCLA Plan for New Hotel, Conference Center

[California Watch](#) reported Friday on UCLA's plan for the Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference and Guest Center, a new campus structure that would include conference and meeting space and 250 guest rooms. Franklin D. Gilliam Jr., dean of the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and a professor of political science and public policy; Steve Olsen, UCLA vice chancellor for finance, budget and capital programs; and Daniel J.B. Mitchell, professor emeritus at the UCLA Anderson School of Management and distinguished professor of public policy at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, were quoted.

QUOTABLE:

Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow

Fonarow, UCLA's Eliot Corday Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Science and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, was quoted Saturday in a [HealthDay News](#) article about new research on using patients' own bone marrow cells to treat chronic heart failure. He is quoted today in a [HealthDay News](#) article about a special kind of CT scan that can identify a heart attack faster than traditional methods.

John Froines

Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and director of UCLA's Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, was quoted Sunday in a [Contra Costa Times](#) article about the use of fumigant pesticides on California strawberries.

Phillip Leslie

Leslie, associate professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, is quoted today in a [Fresno Bee](#) article about restaurant sanitation rankings in and around Fresno County.

Jerry Nickelsburg

Nickelsburg, a senior economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast, was quoted Saturday in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the unemployment rate in California.

Rory Reid

Reid, a postdoctoral scholar in psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, was quoted Sunday in a [Chicago Tribune](#) article about Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum's recent comments about teenagers and Internet pornography.

Mark Sawyer

Sawyer, associate professor of political science and director of UCLA's Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, was quoted Saturday in a [La Opinión](#) article about Trayvon Martin, the Florida youth shot to death by a member of a community watch association.

Fernando Torres-Gil

Torres-Gil, professor of social welfare and public policy and chair of the social welfare department at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, is quoted today in a [New American Media](#) article about the challenges elderly Latino parents face when their children are incarcerated.

Adam Winkler

Winkler, UCLA professor of law, was quoted Sunday in a [Washington Post](#) article about the Supreme Court hearing arguments against the national health care reform law.

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