

# **Lawrence Palinkas**

**Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Endowed Professorship in Social Policy and Health at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**

Los Angeles, CA, US

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## **Biography**

Lawrence Palinkas is the Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health. He also holds secondary appointments as professor in the departments of anthropology and preventive medicine at USC. A medical anthropologist, he is an expert in the areas of preventive medicine, cross-cultural medicine and mental health services research. He is particularly interested in behavioral health, global health and health disparities, implementation science, community-based participatory research, and the sociocultural and environmental determinants of health and health-related behavior. His research has included studies of psychosocial adaptation to extreme environments and man-made disasters; cultural explanatory models of mental illness and service utilization; HIV and substance-abuse prevention in Mexico; and the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices for delivery of mental health services to children, adolescents and underserved populations. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, NASA, National Institutes of Health, the MacArthur Foundation, and the William T. Grant Foundation. His current research encompasses implementation of child and adolescent mental health services and effects of climate change on vulnerable populations. Among Palinkas' scholarly achievements are the Antarctic Service Medal from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Navy in 1989; deputy chief officer of the Life Sciences Standing Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research in 2002; chair of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute's External Advisory Council in 2003; co-lead of the Grand Challenge for Social Work; and membership on committees of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, American Anthropological Association and Society for Applied Anthropology. He is the author of more than 450 publications. To reference the work of Lawrence Palinkas online, we ask that you directly quote their work where possible and attribute it to "Lawrence Palinkas, a faculty at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work" (LINK: <https://dworakpeck.usc.edu>)

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health and Wellness, Research, Education/Learning, Social Services, Mental Health Care

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Implementation Science, Mental Health Services Research, Preventive Medicine, Medical Anthropology, Global Health, Disaster Mental Health Systems, Child Mental Health, Child Welfare

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## **Affiliations**

Member, Board of Directors of the Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, American Public Health Association, American Anthropological Association, Society for Applied Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology, Society for Prevention Research, American Association for Arts and Sciences, Society for Social Work and Research

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## **Grand Challenges**

**Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment**  
Grand Challenge Co-Lead

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## **Education**

**University of California, San Diego**  
Ph. D.

**University of California, San Diego**  
M. A.

**University of Chicago**  
B. A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**Elsevier Atlas Award for research that could significantly impact people's lives around the world**  
2020

**Elected Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research**  
2017

**Elected Fellow, American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare**  
2015

**USC School of Social Work Excellence in Leadership and Creativity Award**  
2015

**Founding Chair, Department of Children Youth and Families**  
2014-2019

**Visiting Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley**  
2011-2012

**Sterling C. Franklin Award, Distinguished USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Faculty**  
2010

**Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**  
2008

**Mellon Award for Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**  
2008

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