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Bio

BIO

Victor Henderson is professor of Epidemiology & Population Health and of Neurology & Neurological Sciences, with interests in neuroepidemiology and brain-behavior relations in aging and dementia. His research focuses on risk factors for cognitive aging and neurodegenerative dementia, and on interventions to help prevent and treat these disorders. He directs the NIH Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and co-directs the master's degree program in Epidemiology & Clinical Research. He is an Honorary Skou Professor at Aarhus University in Denmark.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Memory Disorders
- Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Epidemiology and Population Health
- Professor, Neurology and Neurological Sciences
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, (2015- present)
- Co-director, Master's of Science Program in Epidemiology and Clinical Research, Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Director, Graduate Program in Epidemiology, Stanford University, (2004-2015)
- Chief, Division of Epidemiology, (2010-2014)
- Senate Steering Committee, Faculty Senate, School of Medicine, (2008-2012)
- Committee on Graduate Studies, Stanford University, (2009-2012)

- Subcommittee on University Honors, Faculty Senate, (2014-2014)
- Chief, Division of Cognitive Neuroscience & Neurogerontology, University of Southern California, (1989-2001)
- Chair, Department of Neurology, Los Angeles County – University of Southern California Medical Center, (1992-1997)
- Administrative Vice President, Academic Senate, University of Southern California, (1998-1999)
- Chair, Year II Curriculum Committee, University of Southern California School of Medicine, (1990-1992)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Christopher M. Filley Lectureship in Behavioral Neurology, University of Colorado (2025)
- Honorary Skou Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark (2019–)
- Distinguished Service Award, International Menopause Society (2020)
- Top Doctors (Neurology), Castle Connolly book series (3rd-14th editions), Silicon Valley Magazine, San Francisco Magazine (2015–2026)
- Visiting Professor (2015); Honorary Professor, Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Aarhus University, Denmark (2015–2019)
- Lawrence C. McHenry Award, American Academy of Neurology (2007)
- Kearney Visiting Professor, Mental Health Research Institute of Victoria (Australia) (2002)
- Visiting Professor / Visiting Research Scholars Award, University of Melbourne, Australia (2002)
- Kenneth and Bette Volk Endowed Professorship, University of Southern California (1999–2001)
- Phi Kappa Phi faculty recognition award, University of Southern California (2001)
- Visiting Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1988–1989)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- International Scientific Advisory Board, Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (2015 - present)
- Steering Committee, National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center (2016 - 2019)
- General Secretary, International Menopause Society (2014 - 2016)
- Member, NIH Neurological, Aging, and Musculoskeletal Epidemiology (NAME) study section (2011 - 2015)
- Chair, Section on Geriatric Neurology, American Academy of Neurology (2008 - 2011)
- President, North American Menopause Society (2007 - 2008)
- President, Los Angeles Society of Neurological Sciences (1990 - 1990)
- Associate Editor, Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology (2014 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Internship: Duke University Hospital (1977) NC
- Residency: Washington University School Of Medicine (1980) MO
- Board Certification: Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry, United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (2006)
- Board Certification: Neurology, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (1981)
- MD, Johns Hopkins University , Medicine
- MS, University of Washington , Epidemiology
- Internship, Duke University , Internal medicine
- Residency, Washington University , Neurology
- Fellowship, Boston University , Behavioral Neurology

LINKS

- Lab Site: <http://neurology.stanford.edu/labs/hendersonlab/>

- Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center: <http://med.stanford.edu/adrc.html>
- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Research interests:

- (1) Risk factors for age-associated cognitive decline and for dementia.
- (2) Therapeutic strategies to improve cognitive abilities in aging and in dementia.
- (3) Brain-behavior relations in human cognition.

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Prazosin for Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease, Not Recruiting

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials: EPI 251 (Spr)
- History of Epidemiology: EPI 297 (Win)

2024-25

- Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials: EPI 251 (Spr)

2023-24

- Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials: EPI 251 (Spr)
- History of Epidemiology: EPI 297 (Win)

2022-23

- Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials: EPI 251 (Spr)
- History of Epidemiology: EPI 297 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Master's Program Advisor

Israel Gonzalez, Chloe Nobuhara, Melissa Zhou

Doctoral (Program)

Yi-Hsuan Wu

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Epidemiology (Phd Program)
- Epidemiology (Masters Program)