

# Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women

## Recipient—Dr. Claire Brindis

**Claire Brindis, DrPH** - Professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy, Department of Pediatrics and the Interim Director of the Phillip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies

It is fitting that this year's faculty awardee, Dr. Brindis, excels in all the criteria used to select our nominees, from elevating the status of women on campus to generating and disseminating knowledge on women's health through research, teaching and public service. Dr. Brindis has worked for many years to improve campus policies impacting the lives of our faculty and staff, by mentoring and serving as a role model of women, and by her tireless advocacy. A former Chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW), she worked closely with the School of Medicine to identify key ways to improve the campus climate for women faculty members. She was instrumental in creating a new fund that is used to overcome a variety of traditional barriers encountered by women in academic medical centers – from lack of child care support to present at professional meetings to funding their research endeavors, if they have encountered a personal set back. Mentoring of faculty, students, and staff are among her signature efforts, including the integration of a gender lens in a campus wide mentoring initiative. In her research, she and her team at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health (part of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Health Sciences) have conducted a multidisciplinary evaluation of California's family planning program, one of the largest programs in the country, providing comprehensive family planning care to low-income populations (<200% of poverty). Through her research and effective ability to translate research findings for national and state policy makers, Dr. Brindis and her team have been able to garner over a billion dollars over the past decade to support critical health care services that help over a million and a half women and adolescents avoid unintended and mistimed pregnancy. Dr. Brindis is committed and dedicated to mentoring women faculty and staff, supporting and enhancing the success of women at UCSF, and improving the health of women and adolescents everywhere.

—*J. Michael Bishop, M.D.*  
Chancellor

