



*Figure 1 Professors Dino Di Carlo, Aydogan Ozcan and Omai Garner*

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Omai Garner, Assistant Professor in our Division of Laboratory Medicine, is part of a 3 faculty-member team that just received a landmark NSF multi-institutional grant that combines research on wearable devices with applications in underserved communities.

In addition to his research program in point-of-care innovation, Dr. Garner co-directs Block 6 in the medical school; co-directs the busy and complex clinical microbiology service, and is the clinical laboratories lead for point-of-care testing strategy. He co-founded the Social Justice Learning Institute, a community-based enterprise for educational equity and health equity of urban youth in Los Angeles.

UCLA newsroom announcement

<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-engineering-and-medicine-work-for-better-health-in-underserved-communities>

NSF announcement

[https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD\\_ID=1648451&HistoricalAwards=false](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1648451&HistoricalAwards=false)

Our congratulations to Dr. Garner and the research team for their exciting work ahead.