NIDA 2009 Award of Excellence in Research Collaboration

The team led by Steffanie A. Strathdee, PhD, associate dean of Global Health Sciences, Harold Simon Professor and chief, Division of Global Public Health, has been selected to receive the "2009 Award of Excellence in Research Collaboration" awarded by the International Program of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), which oversees substance abuse research at the NIH. This award "recognizes creative or pioneering efforts by binational or multinational research teams consisting of at least one NIDA grantee and one non-U.S. research partner who have appreciably improved the mechanisms to foster international collaborative research and/or significantly contributed to scientific knowledge about drug abuse and addiction."

Strathdee and Dr. Remedios Lozada (HIV/STD Coordinator for Baja California) accepted the award on behalf of the team at a NIDA award ceremony in Reno, Nevada on June 20. “This award reflects the accomplishment of our binational team between the U.S. and Mexico on studies of HIV, TB, STDs and viral hepatitis in the border region,” said Strathdee. “At UCSD, this includes faculty, fellows, students and staff, from our division, and also members of the Department of Psychiatry. Special thanks go to Tom Patterson, professor of psychiatry at UCSD, whose seminal contributions laid the foundation for our series of NIDA-funded studies. I want to congratulate the team for their hard work and accomplishments. As a new chapter of binational collaboration begins, I hope that our work will continue to inspire true policy change to improve the health of people living in border communities.”