The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics provides rigorous training in the fundamental sciences underlying public health practice. Our mission is to improve health and reduce health disparities in local communities, the state of Maryland, and the nation.

Our epidemiology faculty have multi-faceted expertise in the epidemiology of infectious and chronic disease, with particular focus in the areas of HIV/STIs, cancer, health disparities, cardiovascular disease, obesity/physical activity, and sexual and reproductive health. We also specialize in social and behavioral determinants of health, aging, cultural competency, and community-based interventions.

Our biostatistics faculty have research interests in biostatistics, epidemiology, and bioinformatics. We apply statistical techniques to analyze and interpret public health data through survival and longitudinal analysis, computational statistics, statistical analysis of genomic and proteomic data, machine learning, neuroimaging statistics, network meta-analysis, missing data analysis, and Bayesian hierarchical methods.

Current research projects include:

- testing a randomized controlled trial intervention to improve quality of life among Korean American breast cancer survivors
- using a social network approach to study risky behaviors for HIV/STIs
- examining the impact of racial minority stress on accelerated biological aging, mortality, and other health outcomes
- developing sample size and power calculations for genomic studies using next generation deep sequencing platforms
- analyzing brain networks to identify biomarkers of mental health disorders

“I was drawn to public health because for me it’s all about social justice ... I chose the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics because it focuses on the social determinants of health and health disparities.”

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