DELTA OMEGA
GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER
Induction Ceremony &
Awards Reception

May 7, 2021
School of Public Health
Online Recognition
Delta Omega is the honorary society in public health. The Gamma Zeta chapter of Delta Omega was established at the University of Maryland School of Public Health in 2011 to honor our distinguished students, alumni, faculty and honorary members. The mission of the society is to encourage and recognize excellence in practice, research, education and academic achievement in the field of public health.

WELCOME
Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH, Dean and Professor, School of Public Health

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARDS

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

2021 HONORARY MEMBER REMARKS
Carlton Green, PhD, Director, Diversity Training & Education, University of Maryland
Office of Diversity & Inclusion

CLOSING
Dean Boris D. Lushniak
First Place Awardee: Leena Daniel

Project Title: Understanding Adolescents’ Perceptions of Leadership for Health Promotion in a School Setting

Faculty mentor: Dr. Hannah Lane, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Honorary Mention: Lenora Blakely

Project Title: Facilitators and Challenges of Access to Housing in the Context of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Program for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Faculty mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Maisha Huq

Project Title: Recommendations for Breast Cancer Education for African American Women Below Screening Age

Faculty mentor: Dr. Cheryl Knott, University of Maryland School of Public Health
1st Place Awardee: Jonathan Aram
Project Title: Self Reported Drug and Alcohol Misuse by Disability Status in the National Survey on Drug Use and Health
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Natalie Slopen, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Weijun Yu
Project Title: Characteristics of Asymptomatic Patients, Length of Stay in Hospital, Gender Differences and Other Attributes Among COVID-19 Carriers: A Multi-center Retrospective Cohort Study in Hong Kong
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Quynh Camthi Nguyen, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Rajrupa Ghosh and Bethany Ogbenna
Project Title: Obesity Phenotypes and Metabolomic Profiles: A Systematic Review
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cher Dallal, University of Maryland School of Public Health
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SPH STUDENT RESEARCH
POSTER Awardees

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SCIENCE

First Place Awardee: Rebecca Foss

Project Title: The Effectiveness of the 14-hour Version of the TOGETHER Relationship and Financial Education Program

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Mariana Falconier, University of Maryland School of Public Health, Dr. Mark Lachowicz, University of Maryland College of Education & Dr. Jinhee Kim, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Brennan Winer

Project Title: Shifting Tides and Federalist Patchworks in LGBT Health Policy: Applying ILGA-EU Human Rights Indices to an American Context

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Fish, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Izidora Skracic

Project Title: Women’s Own Experiences of How Depression Influences Fertility Desires and Contraceptive Behaviors

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julia Steinberg, University of Maryland School of Public Health
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SPH STUDENT RESEARCH
POSTER AWARDEES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

First Place Awardee: Portia Buchongo
Project Title: Thriving in a Post-COVID Age: An International Collaboration and Career Development Tool to Increase Diversity and Inclusion in Healthcare Management, Health Services, and Health Policy Research
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Negin Fouladi, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Marjani Cephus
Project Title: Evaluation of the Wellness Connections Program: Improving the Health of Individuals with Mental Health Diagnoses and Substance Use Disorders
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lori Simon-Rusinowitz, University of Maryland School of Public Health
First Place Awardee: Kirsten Peterman
Project Title: “Will There Be a Season?” the Impact of COVID-19 on Anxiety Within NCAA Student Athletes and Non-Athlete University Students
Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Gabriel Pena
Project Title: Better Indices of Sleep Quality and Quantity Relate to Lower Depression and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Naomi Arnold
Project Title: Listening to Classical Music is Associated with Lower Symptoms of Depression in Older Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Faculty Mentor: Dr. J. Carson Smith, University of Maryland School of Public Health
First Place Awardee: Richard Remigio
Project Title: Investigating the Role of Clinical Measures Before Dialysis Treatment as Mediators in the Total Association Between Ambient Temperature and Mortality/Hospital Admissions
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amir Sapkota, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Jan-Michael Archer
Project Title: Fighting for Health and Justice in Uniontown, AL: Community Science Air Quality Monitoring Using Low-Cost Sensors
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sacoby Wilson, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Honorary Mention: Lucy Kafui Kavi
Project Title: Characterization of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Exposures Among U.S. Hairdressers Serving an Ethnic Clientele
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephen Thomas, University of Maryland School of Public Health
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Honorary Mention: Basilica Arockiaraj
Project Title: Health Literacy and Self-Management Behaviors Among Individuals with Type II Diabetes
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Natalie Slopen, University of Maryland School of Public Health
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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

STUDENTS

Jan-Michael Archer, PhD (MIAEH)
Ivy Benjenk, PhD ’21 (HPM)
Abbie Bridges, MPH ’21 (BCH)
Andrew Conway, PhD (FMSC)
Freweyni Gemerew, MPH ’21 (HPM)
Samantha Griffin, MPH (KNES)
Rya Griffis, MPH ’21 (HPM)
Opiaah Jeffers, MPH ’21 (EPIB)
Olivia Kachingwe, PhD ’21 (BCH)
Sherry Maykrantz, MPH (PhD) (HPM)
Sohil Paravantavida, MHA ’21 (HPM)
Natasha Williams, PhD (FMSC)

FACULTY

Raul Cruz-Cano, PhD (EPIB)
Muhiuddin Haider, PhD (MIAEH)
Lis Maring, PhD (FMSC)
Kevin Roy, PhD (FMSC)
Kirsten Stoebenau, PhD (BCH)

ALUMNI

Travis Hyams, PhD ’20 (BCH)
Leena Malayil, PhD ’19 (MIAEH)
Brielle Merchant ’14, MHA (BCH)
Jocylen Smith-Lee, PhD ’13 (FMSC)
Leandra Stubbs, PhD ’20 (BCH)
HONORARY MEMBER

Carlton Green, PhD, Director, Diversity Training & Education
University of Maryland Office of Diversity & Inclusion

For more than 20 years, Dr. Carlton Green has held various roles in higher education, including in student activities, multicultural services, residence life, academic affairs, athletics, and counseling services in both public and private institutions.

While building collaborative and empowering relationships with students, faculty, and staff, he has always sought to advocate for institutional policies and programs that promote access and equity for underserved populations.

Dr. Green earned his PhD in Counseling Psychology, and received masters-level training in mental health counseling and pastoral ministry from Boston College. Dr. Green’s dedication to diversity and inclusion facilitated his appointment as the Multicultural Post-doctoral Fellow in Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Houston, the second most racially and ethnically diverse institution in the country.

While serving as a staff psychologist at the University of Maryland Counseling Center, his work was nationally recognized. He was honored with the UMD Division of Student Affairs Outstanding Service Award, as well as the Champion of Our Community Award by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Staff and Faculty Association. He was recognized by the Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies as a 2016 Diversity Scholar, and he served as an invited keynote panelist for the 10th Biennial National Multicultural Conference and Summit.