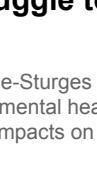
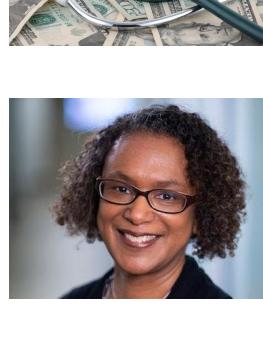


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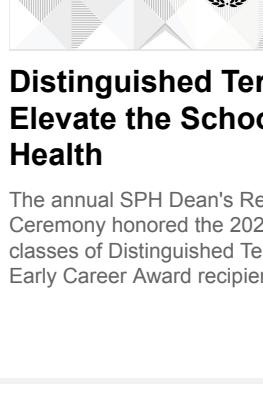
The Struggle to Legislate Environmental Justice

Devon Payne-Sturges and Thurka Sangaramoorthy explore why environmental health policy-making has failed to address cumulative impacts on communities of color.



Study Explores Impact of Maryland Program to Reduce Hospital Costs

Research led by recent PhD graduate Liyang Xie and published in *Medical Care* found that Maryland's Global Budget Revenue program reduced preventable Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) admissions and costs.



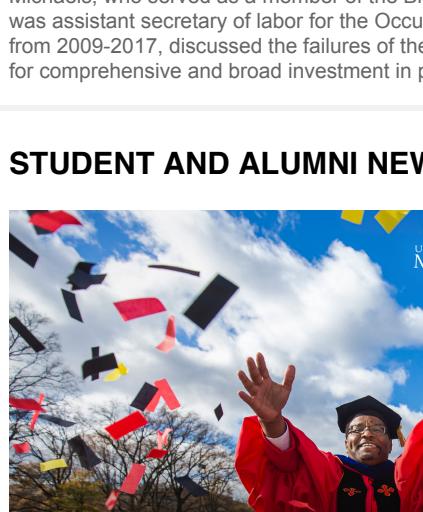
Commentary: Confronting Racism in Environmental Health Sciences

Many profess support for Black Lives Matter, but what actions is the public health community taking to address systemic racism? Devon Payne-Sturges, who leads the anti-racism initiative for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, offers specific recommendations that the environmental health sciences research community can implement to confront racism in this *Environmental Health Perspectives* commentary.



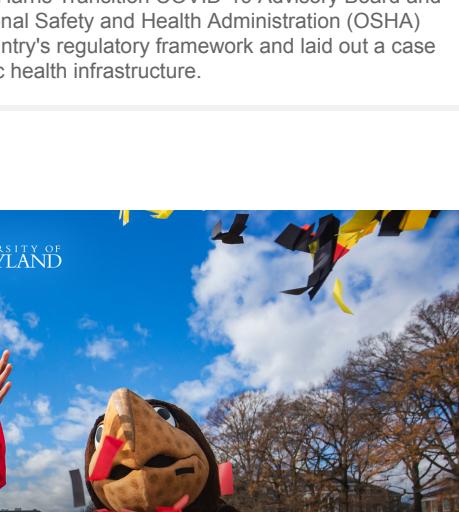
The Importance of Health Literacy in the 2020s

Dr. Dushanka Kleinman and Cindy Brach were recently featured on the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* (JPHMP) Direct Talk podcast to discuss their article *Updating Health Literacy for Healthy People 2030*.



Distinguished Terrapins Elevate the School of Public Health

The annual SPH Dean's Recognition Ceremony honored the 2020 and 2021 classes of Distinguished Terrapins and the first Early Career Award recipient.



Recognizing Public Health Excellence

The UMD SPH Gamma Zeta chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health recognized poster winners and inducted 23 new members including Dr. Carlton Green, the director of diversity training and education in the University of Maryland Office of Diversity and Inclusion, who was this year's honorary member.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH @ MARYLAND

KEYNOTE:

Science and Policy Toward Healthy People
An Imperative to Rebuild and
Reimagine Our Public Health Infrastructure

David Michaels, PhD Epidemiologist
 George Washington University School of Public Health
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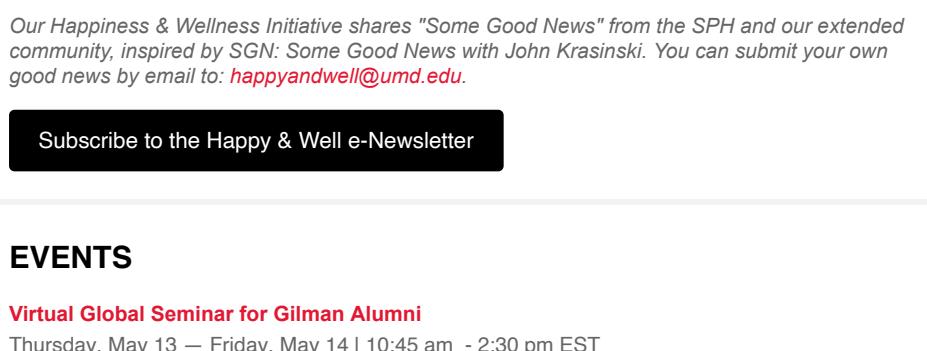
Donald Milton, MD, DrPH Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland School of Public Health

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Reimagining and Rebuilding Our Public Health Infrastructure

Watch the [2021 Public Health Research at Maryland](#) keynote by Dr. David Michaels, an epidemiologist and professor at the George Washington University School of Public Health. Dr. Michaels, who served as a member of the Biden-Harris Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board and was assistant secretary of labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from 2009-2017, discussed the failures of the country's regulatory framework and laid out a case for comprehensive and broad investment in public health infrastructure.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



Celebrating the Class of 2021

Maryland Delegate Josseline Peña Melnyk will give the address for the Spring 2021 School of Public Health commencement. The virtual ceremony will premiere on Thursday May 20 at 1:00 pm EST. The [University of Maryland Commencement ceremony](#), being held in person at Maryland Stadium, will be available via livestream at 4:00 pm EST on May 21. The SPH ceremony also features remarks by Dean Lushniak, Isabella Gordon '21 and Fabian Donate MHA '20 along with photos of graduates and a scroll of all graduates' names. Congratulations to our 625 SPH graduates!

SPH Convocation Recognizes Outstanding Students

Two SPH Teams Win 2021 Do Good Challenge Prizes

Gold 'Creativity in Crisis' Prize Rewards Public Health Student Innovation

Public Health Research at Maryland Recognizes Student Research Poster Winners

SPH Alum Sophie Yan '10 Gets Oscars Shout-Out for Contributions to Best Animated Short

Kayla Foster Recognized by the Maryland Medallion Society

SPH IN THE NEWS

CDC: Fully Vaccinated People Can Go Maskless Outside to Exercise, Dine, or Socialize — [Business Insider](#)

CDC Website Now Emphasizes Coronavirus Spreads in the Air — [CNN](#)

The Virus is an Airborne Threat, the C.D.C. Acknowledges — [NYTimes](#)

The Burden of Being 'On Point' — [The Atlantic](#)

D.C. to Ease Restrictions, Change Vaccine Sign-ups as Cases Slowly Fall in Region — [Washington Post](#)

Pandemic growth spurt: Interest in gardening still trends upward in Baltimore County — [Baltimore Sun](#)

Men Lag Behind Women in Coronavirus Vaccinations, Especially in Black Communities — [Washington Post](#)

90% of the World Breathes Polluted Air. Symbolic Emission Targets Aren't Enough — [Truth Out](#)

You Can't Rain Enough on this Parade — [Replate Blog](#)

I've Recovered From Covid. Why Do I Still Have to Mask Up? — [Kaiser Health News](#)

Barbers, Artists Help Defy Vaccine Myths for People of Color — [US News](#)

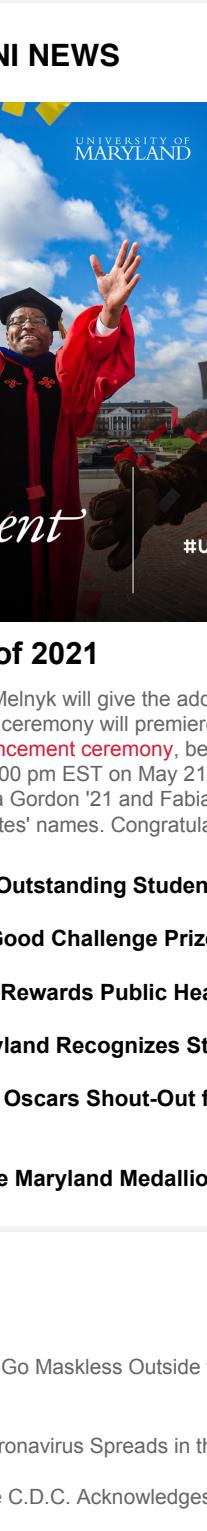
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The Well Terp

This week's tips include information on checking in with your emotions and the benefits of nature.

Find science-based wellness tips for healthy and happy living in our weekly feature, The Well Terp.



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Some Good News: Helping Foster Dogs Prepare for Their Forever Homes

Gymkana Director Josh Montfort '93, MS '96, UMD Senate Director Reka Montfort '99 and their family have fostered 65 dogs since March 2019. Pet parenting took on new meaning during the pandemic when they welcomed seven puppies into their home and their fostering turned into adoption. Read more about the Montfort's love of fostering dogs and their newest love, a 16 week old puppy named Tucker.

Read Some Good News

Our Happiness & Wellness Initiative shares "Some Good News" from the SPH and our extended community, inspired by SGN: Some Good News with John Krasinski. You can submit your own good news by email to: happyandwell@umd.edu.

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EVENTS

Virtual Global Seminar for Gilman Alumni

Thursday, May 13 — Friday, May 14 | 10:45 am - 2:30 pm EST

The UMD SPH will host a virtual US Future Leaders Topical Seminar for alumni of the US Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. Contact Dina Borzekowski for more information.

Race – The Power of An Illusion: Part II "The Stories We Tell"

Thursday, May 20 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST

Virtual Spring Commencement 2021

Friday, May 21 | 1 pm EST

Webinar: Vaccine Equity for Indigenous Communities

Monday, May 24 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm EST

7th Annual UMD Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Symposium

Thursday, August 19 — Saturday August 21 | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm EST



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