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\$800K Bezos Earth Fund Gift to Support Community-Based Air Quality Monitoring

The Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH) group will develop community-driven engagement strategies and research to collect better data on neighborhood-scale air pollution exposures to reduce health inequities in underserved and overburdened communities across the Mid-Atlantic region.



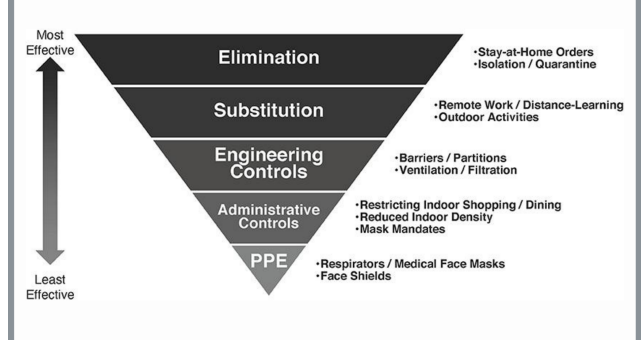
Chronicling and Advocating for Workers in the USA

Photojournalist Earl Dotter has dedicated his life to revealing how American workers contend with often hazardous working conditions, and to advocating for safer, healthier workplaces. The photographer and a panel of occupational health experts discussed how public health can best advocate for workplace safety and the impact of photos in telling their stories. [Listen to the discussion.](#)



Amid Arrival of New COVID Variant, UMD Expert Directs Attention to What Works

Sandra Quinn, who studies vaccine acceptance and the influence of various forms of messaging, answers questions about vexing roadblocks to full vaccination, and what worries her most about the omicron variant.



Safely Navigating the Next Phase of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic

Neil Sehgal and Don Milton present a hierarchy of controls model, based on occupational safety, that has broad applicability in helping healthcare workers, policy makers and the public better understand the relative effectiveness of strategies to prevent the transmission of an airborne infectious virus like SARS-CoV-2.



New Tools for Mapping Environmental Justice in Maryland

With a new \$100,000 contract from the Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Sacoby Wilson's Community Engagement Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH) group will lead the expansion of the Maryland Environmental Justice Screen Tool's capabilities to quantify, and respond to, the issues that affect children and rural communities.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

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Winter 2021 Commencement
Tuesday, December 21 | 6 pm - 8 pm EST
 University of Maryland Xfinity Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell
 Founder & Director Office of Community Engagement
 University of Maryland

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

The School of Public Health's in-person commencement ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 21 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST at the University of Maryland Xfinity Center.

View the commencement program and additional details at sph.umd.edu/winter21grad

View the livestream at go.umd.edu/sph-grad-stream-2021



Student Profile: Ike Ekwunife '21 Kinesiology

Ekwunife, our student speaker for the SPH Winter 2021 Commencement Ceremony, is passionate about mental health, sports and giving back. After pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy, he plans to combine his passions by opening his own sports medicine practice in Nigeria, promoting the importance of physical wellness, exercise and nutrition.



Four Graduating SPH Students Named Senior Marshals

Gabrielle Eve Frohlich (family science), Anusha Jailwala (public health science), Shawn SN (public health science) and Erik Verhoeven (kinesiology) will serve as Winter 2021 senior marshals, ushering graduating Terps into the campus-wide commencement ceremony to be held on December 20.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION



Make the Most of the CARES Act Tax Incentives in 2021 Before They End

Take advantage of the 2021 expansion of the universal charitable deduction for cash gifts and the extension of the lifted cap on deductions for cash contributions under the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act to make your charitable contribution to the UMD School of Public Health go even further! [Learn more.](#)

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Kerry Tripp Receives Cognella Innovation in Teaching Award

Department of Family Science senior lecturer Kerry Weil Tripp created the University of Maryland's Virtual Global Internship Program which has allowed students to gain real world experience with international researchers, organizations and businesses throughout the global pandemic. Cognella, an academic publisher, recognized her contribution with an innovation in teaching award.

SPH IN THE NEWS

Rapid Coronavirus Tests are Still Hard to Find in Many Places, Despite Biden Vows
 The Washington Post | December 9, 2021

Local Officials Push Coronavirus Boosters and Masks as Omicron Lands in Virginia
 The Washington Post | December 9, 2021

'Warehouses in Their Backyards': When Amazon Expands, These Communities Pay the Price
 The Guardian | December 9, 2021

Omicron is Moving Fast. Congress is Moving Slow with Pandemic Prep
 The Daily Beast | December 1, 2021

EPA Awards UMD Grant to Expand Maryland's Environmental Justice Mapping Tool
 Maryland Matters | December 1, 2021

EVENTS

LIFE'S WORK, A Fifty-Year Photographic Chronicle of Working in the U.S.A.
 Through Friday, December 21 | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm EST (Weekdays)

Accelerated BS+MPH Information Sessions
 Wednesday, December 15 - Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm EST

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HAPPY AND WELL



The Well Terp

This week's tips include information on nurturing healthy relationships, choosing energy building behaviors and ditching distractions.

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

[Read The Well Terp](#)



Some Good News | The Happiness Effect

Robin Puett, a professor of applied environmental health, prioritizes happiness in her research and teaching. Read more to learn how Robin has developed a class that supports students in growing knowledge and strategies to promote happiness and wellness.

[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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