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Commencement Ceremony

INTRODUCTION

Nicole Cousin-Gossett, Ph.D., *Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education*

PROCESSIONAL WELCOME

Boris D. Lushniak, M.D., M.P.H., *Dean and Professor*

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dean Boris D. Lushniak

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary of Health, State of Maryland

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Amelia Arria, Ph.D., *Professor and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives*

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Assistant Dean Nicole Cousin-Gossett

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Dean Boris D. Lushniak

STUDENT ADDRESS

Warren Dansou, *BS, Public Health Science and Biochemistry '24*

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Boris D. Lushniak

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.

Secretary of Health, State of Maryland

Dr. Laura Herrera Scott, Secretary of Health for the Maryland Department of Health, is a healthcare leader with expertise across decades in integrating value-based care philosophy with clinical and population health strategies. She is a visionary leader in the health space, spearheading the creation of progressive programs that optimize patient outcomes, improve the quality of care and advance health equity. Most recently, Scott served as Executive Vice President of Population Health at Summit Health and as Vice President of Clinical Strategy and Product at Anthem. She also served in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from 2011-2015 as Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services. Scott is a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves, serving from 1998-2008 as a Major in the Medical Corps. She received a master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and a Doctor of Medicine from SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn, New York. She currently lives in Towson, Maryland, with her husband and two children.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Warren Dansou

BS, Public Health Science and Biochemistry '24



Warren Dansou is a Public Health Science and Biochemistry double major from Montgomery County, Maryland, with minors in French and Human Development. Throughout his academic journey, Warren has demonstrated a deep commitment to social equity as shown in his thesis: *The Impact of Access to Prenatal Care Services on Birth Outcomes in Underserved Communities and Low- and Middle-Income Countries*.

At Maryland, Warren has played an active role on campus as the following: University senator on the Senate Executive Committee and Research Council, Students Towards Educational Progress & Philanthropy (STEPP) team secretary, First-Year Innovation Research Experience (FIRE) / BioFIRE peer mentor, resident assistant, Student Entertainment Events (SEE) director, Enrollment Management Student Advisory Council advisor, co-president of the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM), teen leadership coordinator of Kesem at UMD, College Success Scholars (CSS), orientation advisor, violinist in the University Orchestra, and member for the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department's Committee on Climate, Diversity, Equity and Climate. As he embarks on his next chapter, Warren is excited to further his education abroad.



BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Jennifer Lynn Robinson[^]
Dissertation: Exploring Young Bi+ Women’s Intersecting Mental Health and Sexual and Reproductive Health Experiences in Context: A Multi-Analytic Method Qualitative Study
Advisors: Dr. James Butler and Dr. Liz Aparicio

Christopher Menvell Williams
Dissertation: The Critical Race Framework Study: Standardizing Critical Evaluation for Research Studies That Use Racial Taxonomy
Advisor: Dr. Craig Fryer

Nathaniel Woodard^{^+}
Dissertation: State-level Structural Racism and Alcohol and Tobacco Use Behaviors in a National Probability Sample of African Americans
Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Knott

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Michele Ewing Morgado^{^+}
Dissertation: Investigating Long-term Trends in Vibriosis Severity and Risk Associated with Water Exposure and Climate-induced Stressors in the Chesapeake Bay: A Mixed Methods Study
Advisor: Dr. Amy Sapkota

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Lauren Emily Kauffman⁺
Dissertation: Covid-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Uptake in the United States Considered Through the Lens of Health Behavior Theory
Advisor: Dr. Quynh Nguyen

Jianyu Lai^{^+}
Dissertation: Exhaled Breath Aerosol Transmission of Acute Respiratory Infections
Advisor: Dr. Donald Milton

Amanda Erin Ng[^]
Dissertation: Social Determinants of Cardiovascular Disease Across the Life Course
Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Hyeonjin Song⁺
Dissertation: Climate Change Related Extreme Events and Adverse Health Outcomes among Hemodialysis Patients
Advisor: Dr. Amir Sapkota

FAMILY SCIENCE

Natasha Williams⁺
Dissertation: Mental Health Among Black Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People: Examining Patterns of Risk, Treatment Utilization, and Mental Health Management Strategies
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Fish



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HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Asmaa Albaroudi

Dissertation: Understanding the Impact of Long-Term Care Need Among Medicare-only Beneficiaries

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Lauren Michelle Edelstein

Dissertation: The Role of Personal Integrity in Shaping Healthcare Worker Perceptions of Patient Safety Culture in U.S. Hospitals During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Adam Eschenlauer

Dissertation: Assessing the Impact of Polypharmacy on the Elderly Using Nationally Representative Survey Data

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Christopher Norman Howard

Dissertation: Leadership as a Catalyst for Health Equity: Strategies and Insights for Quality Improvement in Healthcare Organizations

Advisors: Dr. Stephen Thomas and Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Shuo Huang^{^+}

Dissertation: The Long Tail of History: Combining the 1940 Census, Redlining Maps, and HRS: Methods for Analyzing the Impact of Redlining on Health, Economic, and Healthcare Outcomes in Older Adults Today

Advisor: Dr. Neil Sehgal

Taehyun Kim

Dissertation: The Effects of Medicaid Coverage for Abortion

Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux

Nina Adannaya Misty Omeaku

Dissertation: Assessing Impact of Cancer and Depression on the Financial Health of Middle Aged and Older Americans

Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux

Kaitlynn Robinson-Ector⁺

Dissertation: MDP/PCP Primary Care Practice Capabilities and Care Management Delivery among Maryland Medicare Beneficiaries

Advisors: Dr. Kellee White Whilby and Dr. Neil J. Sehgal

Merianne Rose Spencer⁺

Dissertation: Deaths of Despair in the U.S. Healthcare Delivery System: Understanding Patterns in Healthcare Among Distressed Americans

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Michelle Le Truong

Dissertation: Examining Influences On Help-Seeking Pathways to Improve Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care for Adolescents in California

Advisor: Dr. Neil Sehgal

Ren Hao Wang

Dissertation: The Policy Impact of State Reinsurance Programs Under the ACA 1332 Waiver

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Ying Zhu

Dissertation: Home Hemodialysis Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

KINESIOLOGY

Elizabeth Bell[^]

Dissertation: Modeling the Mechanical Consequences of Pregnancy on Knee Joint Loading and Future Knee Health

Advisor: Dr. Jae Shim and Dr. Ross Miller

Jenna Burnett[^]

Dissertation: Lower Limb Asymmetry and Loading in Individuals with Unilateral Transfemoral Amputations with a Lifetime of Osseointegrated Prosthesis Use

Advisor: Dr. Jae Shim

Peter Gaskin[^]

Dissertation: Mental Workload Assessment During Upper Limb Prosthetic Training and Task Performance

Advisor: Dr. Rodolphe Gentili

Andrew Ginsberg[^]

Dissertation: Understanding Psychological Influence on Human Performance: The Role of Cerebral Cortical and Neuromuscular Activation During Maximal Exertion Knee Extension

Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Tori Alexis Justin

Dissertation: Creating a Socially Just Kinesiology: Addressing Anti-Blackness in Theory, Research and Pedagogy

Advisor: Dr. Shannon Jette

Yuan Liu

Dissertation: Cardiac and Vascular Functional Responses to β 2-Adrenergic Receptor Stimulation: Effect of Sex, Age, and Heart Failure

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Glancy

Gabriel Santiago Pena

Dissertation: Hippocampal Glucose Transport and Oxidation in Response to Disrupted Blood Flow in an Aging Rat Model of Heart Failure

Advisor: Dr. Carson Smith and Dr. Sarah Glancy

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Zeina Mohamad Alkhalaf^{^+}

Dissertation: Examining the Impact of Preconception and Early Pregnancy Serum Levels of Maternal Vitamin D on Clinical Markers of Implantation and Preeclampsia

Advisor: Dr. Marie Thoma

Sahra Ibrahim⁺

Dissertation: Women's Autonomy and Reproductive and Perinatal Health Outcomes in Afghanistan

Advisor: Dr. Marie Thoma

Krystle McConnell

Dissertation: The Intergenerational Transmission and Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences

Advisor: Dr. Edmond Shenassa



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MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Rama Abou-Seif

Capstone: Addressing Workplace Violence Among Home Care Employees in Home and Community-Based Settings
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Nii Amon Amon-Kotei

Capstone: Management Approaches to Workforce Retention in Healthcare
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Tiffany Barnes

Capstone: Identifying Best Practices and Initiatives to Address Disparities and Improve Oral Healthcare in Louisiana
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Monika Bedi

Capstone: Improving School-Based Oral Health Education, Screenings, and Preventive care in Louisiana
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Jennifer Lynn Bulford

Capstone: Hurricane Emergency Preparedness and Public Health Response in the State of Louisiana
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Agnellys Gonzalez Nieves

Capstone: Lack of Guidelines to Diagnose and Treat Adult ADHD and Public Health Implications
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Monique Johnson+

Capstone: The Air We Breathe: The Impacts of Air Quality on Population Health
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Shanza Khan

Capstone: Effectiveness of Multidisciplinary Leadership Rounding in Improving Performance and Outcomes in Nursing Facilities
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Christopher Joseph Lawrence

Capstone: The Effects of Lean and Six Sigma Processes on Medical Errors
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Genevie Angele' Anabel Mayo-Johnson^

Capstone: Literature Review Examining Current and Future Solutions For Food Deserts in the United States
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Brian Hyunsoo Oh

Capstone: The Effects of Socioeconomic Status and Strategies to Address Childhood Obesity in the U.S.
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Rebecca Anne Schwartz^

Capstone: Healthcare Access for LGBTQIA Individuals in the Southern Region of the United States
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Emily Elizabeth Thornton^

Capstone: The Impact of Telehealth Implementation in Rural Communities
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Jennifer Magaly Valdez

Capstone: Nursing Workforce Challenges in the U.S.: Implications for Population Health
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi



MASTER OF ARTS, KINESIOLOGY

Naomi A. Arnold^

Thesis: Associations between Classical Music, Physical Activity and Symptoms of Depression in Older Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Advisor: Dr. Carson Smith

Madison Katherine Shoemaker^

Thesis: Effects of a High-Fat Meal on the Inflammatory Phenotype and Function of Monocytes
Advisor: Dr. Steven Prior



Lilah Teresa Drafts-Johnson^

Thesis: A Healthy Relationship? The Entanglement of State, Corporate, and Labor Interests in Gender-Based Violence Sport Policies
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Jette

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY

Asia Vernai' Jones

Capstone: Public Health Implications and Community Planning for the Lakeland Community in College Park, MD
Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Patricia Averill

Capstone: Formative Tools to Assess Maternal Nutritional Status: Its Relationship with Congenital Heart Disease Development
Advisor: Dr. Katherine Sharp

Bianca Nicole Benitez[^]

Capstone: Examining the 16 and Pregnant Hashtag about Teenage Pregnancy
Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Carla Jamae Byrnes[^]

Capstone: Reproductive Life Plan for Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease
Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall

Tatum Cox

Capstone: Organizational Health Literacy Assessment of Maternal Health Services for Pregnant Latina Women in the Maryland Mid Shore
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Baur

Naana Dei

Capstone: Enhancing Cultural Humility Among Home Health Aides: Analyzing Cultural Competence Self-assessments to Identify Targeted Training Modules for Sustainable Proficiency
Advisor: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

Rebecca Leslie Dolfman

Capstone: March to Well-Being: Designing an Informational Wellness Campaign for Bethesda Chevy Chase High School's PTSA
Advisor: Dr. Kerry Green

Raymond Thomas Flannery

Capstone: Fraternal Binge Drinking Habits: A Qualitative Study of Housed Social Fraternity Men
Advisor: Dr. James Butler

Shachar Gazit-Rosenthal

Capstone: Organizational Needs Assessment of Health Topics for Pregnant and Parenting Young Women in the St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families
Advisor: Dr. Kerry Green

Olivia Ellen Hare[^]

Capstone: A Focused Analysis of a Health Department's Web Pages Using Health Literacy Criteria
Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall

Brianna Mercile Hayes[^]

Capstone: The Development of a Reproductive and Sexual Health Curriculum Guide for Female African American Youth Enrolled in a Positive Youth Development Program
Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King Marshall

Collette Noel Kokesh⁺

Capstone: What Barriers Inhibit Healthy Eating and Physical Activity? Insights From Those Who Work with Older Adults
Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Olivia Haewon Sangravee Na

Capstone: Creation of a Social Determinants of Health Screener for the Wicomico County Health Department
Advisor: Dr. Héctor Alcalá

Somtochukwu Obiegbu

Capstone: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Educational Materials for Lusaka, Zambia Justice-Involved Population (J-IP)
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Baur

Stephanie Chiazom Olebara[^]§

Capstone: Improving Telehealth Visits: Recommendations for Mental Health Providers and Patients
Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King Marshall

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, *continued*

Sade Parson[^]§

Capstone: Opioid Prevention for Youth Athletes (OPYA): The Development of a Parent Toolkit to Prevent Prescription Opioid Misuse Among Student Athletes
Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zeeger

Shayla Eva-Dena Stringfield⁺

Capstone: The Implications of Community Violence Exposure Among Caregivers of Children with Asthma in Washington, D.C.
Advisor: Dr. Craig Fryer

Leila Thomas

Capstone: Exploring Parental Receptiveness towards Child-Mediated Health Promotion to Inform the Development of a Community-Based Stroke Literacy Intervention
Advisor: Dr. Héctor Alcalá

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIostatISTICS

Christopher Matthew Kot

Capstone: Assessment of the Socioeconomic and Health Needs of Displaced Eastern Europeans Sheltering in Europe
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Alisa Kotz[^]§

Capstone: Comparison of Machine Learning Models for Predicting Brain Age From Fractional Anisotropy Measurements
Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma

Haley Hwayeon Lee

Capstone: Heavy Alcohol Consumption and Substance Use in the United States
Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Rachel Catherine Martin

Capstone: Assessing COVID-19's Impacts on Isolation: A Demographic Analysis
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Alyssa Precil

Capstone: Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities in Low Birth Weight in the U.S.
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Geanine Tori Brunson

Capstone: Surviving on the Edge: Water Scarcity in Gaza
Advisor: Dr. Rianna Murray

Daniel Diaz-Etchevehere

Capstone: Assessing the Health Risks of PM2.5 from the June 2023 Canadian Wildfires in Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Abdel Kadry

Rachel Michaela Dubbs

Capstone: Extractables from Plastic Packaging in Beauty & Personal Care Products: What Consumers Should Know & Opportunities for Research
Advisor: Dr. Paul Turner

Paula Beatriz Masi Fleytas[^]§

Capstone: Assessing PM2.5 Exposure from Wildfire Smoke in the Western United States
Advisor: Dr. Amir Sapkota

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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY

Basilica Mary Arockiaraj ^§

Capstone: Examining the Relationship Between Disability and Serious Psychological Distress Among U.S. Adults Using the 2021 National Health Interview Survey: Do Associations Vary by Social Support?
Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Tahriq Trenidad Bailey

Capstone: Assessing the Association Between Living/Wage Characteristics and Stress in Migrant Farm Workers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Claire Margaret Barlow

Capstone: E. coli Bacteria Concentrations in District of Columbia Waters: An Examination of Environmental Water Quality Predictors in 2023
Advisors: Dr. Cher Dallal and Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Abigail Carolyn Hines

Capstone: Exploring the Relationship Between Exposure to Substance Use and Mental Health in the Personal Lives of Community Health Workers and Subsequent Stigma: A Regression Analysis
Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Jess Huang

Capstone: ACEs, Gender Minority Stress, and Mental Health in Transgender Adolescents: A Literature Review
Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer



Ashley Marie Hystad

Capstone: Insurance Status and Mental Health Care Cost Barriers
Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Que Chi Nguyen Phan

Capstone: The impact of ACEs on Anxiety and Depression in Women: A Secondary Analysis
Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Usha Singh

Capstone: Multiple Substance Use Disorder and the Risk of Cognitive Impairment Among Women in the United States: In-Depth Literature Review
Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Gauri Sood ^§

Capstone: Sedentary Time in Segregated Spaces: Examining the Influence of Racial Residential Segregation
Advisor: Dr. Quynh Nguyen

Tiffany Stevenson-Yuen ^

Capstone: United States Veteran Status and Timing of Medical Care (Delay or Not Getting Care) Due to Factors Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a Cross-Sectional Study NHIS 2021
Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Joann Wu §

Capstone: Psychological Readiness in Crisis: A Comprehensive Literature Review of Interventions for Emergency First Responders to Prevent PTSD from Natural Disasters
Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Eden Gebrekidan Adhanom

Capstone: Analysis of Patient Satisfaction Assessments to Improve Health Care Experience
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Sarah Grace Banwell §

Capstone: Implementation of a Fall Prevention Committee at UM Capital Region Medical Center
Advisor: Dr. Aryn Phillips

Kiarra Jannette Burton §

Capstone: Development of a Special Education Training Program: Applications Towards Intern and Students' Wellness
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Emily Brooke Feigenbaum §

Capstone: Optimizing Echocardiogram Utilization: Collaborative Strategies with Northwell Health to Streamline Ordering Processes and Reduce Unnecessary Examinations
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Erica Marie Garner §

Capstone: Development of a Data Visualization Report to Negotiate Higher Insurance Reimbursement Rates for a Private Dental Practice
Advisor: Dr. Aryn Phillips

Taliah Nicole Hodges §

Capstone: Analyzing Healthcare Utilization Amongst Insured Residents in Charles County
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Shweta Kannan

Capstone: Optimizing Wellness, Enhancing Readiness: A Process Improvement and Early Lessons Report on the Mental Wellness Check-In Initiative (MWCi) Program for First Responders
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Bilal Murtaza

Capstone: Impact of Housing Insecurity on the Health Equity of Maryland Residents
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Natalie Elizabeth Snyder §

Capstone: Reducing Disparities in Unplanned Readmissions
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Emily Grace Sterling

Capstone: Utilizing Lean to Implement a Patient-Centered Bed Movement Plan at University of Maryland Medical System's Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Abirami Thyagarajan

Capstone: A Comprehensive Analysis of Insurance Claims Denials in Hematology and Oncology Practice
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Sedric Yamey White ^§

Capstone: Positive Reinforcement Through Toys: Improving Outcomes with Patients at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital by Reward Motivation
Advisor: Dr. Lori Simon-Rusinowitz

Stefany Daniela Zelaya

Capstone: Process Improvement for Restructuring a Public Health Training Program
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale



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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH EQUITY

Senam Giselle Attipoe§

Capstone: Healing Together: Proposing a Yoga and Wellness Program for Women Coping with Pregnancy and Infant Loss
Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Kayla Soobin Bae§

Capstone: Perinatal Deaths among Minority Patients at Holy Cross Health in Montgomery County, Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Monique Maleka Bangudi

Capstone: Ethically Acquiring Diverse Datasets for the Utilization of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Jamie Fleishman

Capstone: Family Characteristics, Education, and Health among Transracial Adopted Children in the U.S.
Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Deepti Ghimire§

Capstone: Equity in Action: Applying ASPE's Equity Assessment Framework to the Federal Title X Program
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Sara Hairgrove

Capstone: Leveraging Non-clinical Community Settings to Increase Access to Clinical Care for Underserved Populations
Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Haley Jordan Harrison Ellis El

Capstone: Parental Incarceration as a Determinant of Health for Children Using a Life-Course Perspective
Advisor: Dr. Lori Simon-Rusinowitz

Kayla Imani Little

Capstone: Black Maternal Mortality: Understanding Root Causes and Potential Interventions
Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Lindsay Anne Lotter§

Capstone: Intensive Equity Assessment and Community Perspectives on the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistant Program at the Maryland Department of Health.
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Ahlam Amelia Majadly

Capstone: Supporting the Mental Health of Arab Diaspora Communities in the United States: A Research Proposal
Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Aarushi Malhotra§

Capstone: Tailored Lifestyle Interventions for Sleep Clinic Patients with Obesity
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Delara Rajabi Abhari§

Capstone: Utilizing Medicaid Data for Regulatory Decision-Making
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Daniela Relf

Capstone: Trends in Emergency Department Visits for Substance Use Disorders by Select Characteristics: United States, 2021
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Dulcinea Rubio Garcia^

Capstone: Quality Improvement for Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration Program
Advisor: Dr. Lori Simon-Rusinowitz

Sewika Sulpe

Capstone: Language Access Services at Shady Grove Medical Center Outpatient Departments in Rockville, Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Candela Vazquez

Capstone: Indoor Air, Health and Germicidal Ultraviolet Light – Health Communications Toolkit
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

Noor-Ul-Huda Dawood

Capstone: Comparing Maternal Mortality in the U.S. and Related Policies
Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux

Lauryn Chizoba Dunkwu

Capstone: Accredited Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Training Programs: Three-year Spotlight
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Gourevitch

Ian Joseph Lynch Schuster§

Capstone: Social Vulnerability and Hip Fracture Recovery Outcomes
Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Amanda Lisa McKinnon

Capstone: Community Health and Social Impact: Pharmacy and Physician Deserts
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Serena Julia Mlawsky

Capstone: How Restrictive Social Work Licensure Requirements and the Biased ASWB Exam Exacerbates the Mental Health Crisis in Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Adurawunmi Olubunmi Okiji+

Capstone: Optimizing Postoperative Care: Capacity Building and Bed Count Increase through Lean Methodologies
Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Dhara Pankaj Patel

Capstone: Developing a Health Communication Strategy to Promote Responsible Alcohol Consumption
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Jermaine Kenneth Piper

Capstone: Variations in Rate Utilization of New Technology Add-on Procedures by Race/Ethnicity
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Gourevitch

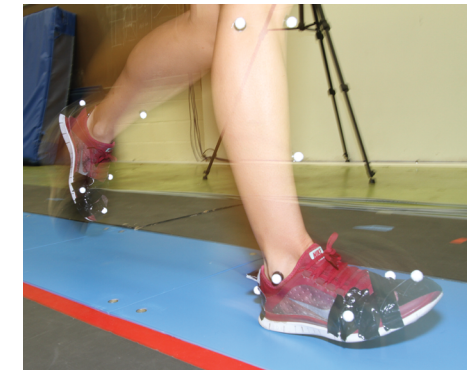
Katherine Maney Smislova

Capstone: Workflow Analysis of the UMMS Mortality Management Quality Improvement Program
Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Jennifer Nicole Macko^

Capstone: Surveying Appeal and Accessibility of Group Fitness Programming in a Community Center Setting Amidst the Loneliness Epidemic: Development of an Evidence-Based Survey Tool
Advisor: Dr. Shannon Jette



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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND POLICY

George Ovie Akparewa

Capstone: Addressing Adolescent Obesity through School Lunch Programs
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Bashier Mohammad Baten

Capstone: The Impact of Geopolitical Violence on Palestinian Children's Mental Health and Resiliency
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Ashley John Burns[^]

Capstone: Supporting Pharmacist Provider Status to Alleviate Primary Care Shortages in Medically Underserved Areas and Populations
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Erin Caraway

Capstone: Access to Healthcare Among African Americans in the city of Baltimore, Maryland: Evaluating Health Enterprise Zones
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Justin Nathaniel Casto[^]

Capstone: Improving Health Program Evaluation in Native and Indigenous Populations: A Review of Culturally Responsive Evaluation Practices
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Louis Corbin[^]

Capstone: The Impact of Culture on the Rate of Obesity and Diabetes among U.S. Blacks and the Afro-Caribbean Diaspora
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi



Marta Maria Cruz[^]

Capstone: Addressing Diabetes Among Children and Adolescents in the U.S.
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Kaetlyn Marie Fanning[^]

Capstone: The True Cost of War: Evaluating the Veteran Suicide Rate and Legislative Policies and Programs
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Tyra Ionie Hill

Capstone: To Expand or Not to Expand: Examining the Impact of Medicaid Non-Expansion on Healthcare Coverage, Utilization, and Cost of Care
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Helen Phillips Hocknell

Capstone: Abortion Access and the Impact of Restrictions on Maternal Health
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Ndanaan Juma Jallow[^]

Capstone: The Role of Public Health in Public Transportation: An Examination of Emergency Management and Safety
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Abigail Johnson

Capstone: Community Participatory Research Strategies to Increase Underrepresented Groups in Clinical Trials
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Divpreet Kaur[^]

Capstone: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategies in Healthcare Organizations to Reduce Implicit Bias and Improve Health Outcomes for Women of Color
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND POLICY, *continued*

Sue Kim[^]

Capstone: Language Access Services in Healthcare and Impact on Healthcare Utilizations and Outcomes
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Michelle Lay[^]

Capstone: Mental Health of First-Generation University Students from Immigrant Families in the U.S.
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Samantha Alexandra Liggett[^]

Capstone: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Opioid Crisis
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Corinne Amelia Lovett

Capstone: Medical Financial Partnerships: A Novel Approach to Reduce Racial Health Disparities
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Katherine Lynn[^]

Capstone: Whole Genome Sequencing's Role in Local and National U.S. Foodborne Disease Response
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Liya Berhane Mogese[^]

Capstone: Factors Contributing to the Nursing Shortage in the U.S. and Impact on Healthcare
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

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Capstone: Healthcare Access & Utilization Challenges for the Underserved, Underinsured and Uninsured Women with Breast Cancer in the U.S.
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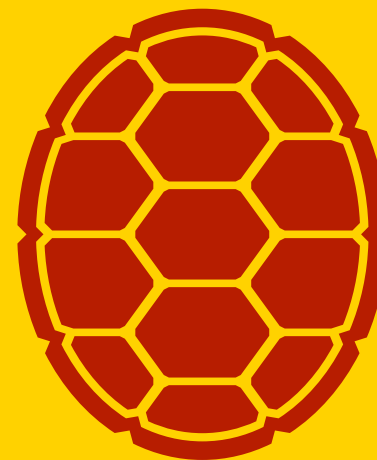
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