



Commencement Ceremony

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Nicole Cousin-Gossett, Ph.D., Associate 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

STUDENT ADDRESS

Crisdel Mayen Velasquez, BS, Public Health Science '25

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Anne Schuchat, M.D.

Former Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS Jennifer Bachner, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS Nicole Cousin-Gossett, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS
Dean Boris D. Lushniak

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Anne Schuchat, M.D.

Former Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Anne Schuchat, MD, is an internist and epidemiologist who was Principal Deputy Director at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2015–2021 and served twice as acting director. She was the first Director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) from 2005–2015.

Schuchat joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer in 1988 and played key roles in numerous emergency responses including the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019 outbreak of vaping-associated lung injuries, the West Africa Ebola epidemic, 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, and the 2003 SARS outbreak, where she deployed to Beijing. In the 1990's, Dr. Schuchat spearheaded U.S. guidelines which have prevented more than 100,000 life-threatening group B streptococcal infections in newborns so far. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine and received the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Schuchat retired as a Rear Admiral (upper half) in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service in 2018 and from CDC in 2021. She serves on the boards of Swarthmore College and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Crisdel Mayen Velasquez

BS. Public Health Science '25

Crisdel Mayen Velasquez is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Science. A proud first-generation student, she began her academic journey by earning an associate's degree in biology. During her time as an undergraduate, Velasquez led community efforts organizing events



such as blood drives and service initiatives. She cared for fellow students and faculty at the campus health center, conducted research on infectious diseases and child development, and collaborated with federal agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through her role as a public health scholar with the National Hispanic Medical Association. Velasquez's journey reflects deep resilience, purpose and commitment to uplifting the communities that shaped her.

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BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Alana Michelle Ewen+

Dissertation: A Multi-Method Study Investigating the Biopsychosocial Mechanisms Linking Racial Discrimination to Type 2 Diabetes Risk and Self-Management Behaviors Among Black Adults Advisor: Dr. Craig Fryer

Charlene Chao-Li Kuo^+

Dissertation: Collaborative Co-design of Portable Work Benefits Policy Model and Non-policy Prototype Based on Direct Care Workers' Needs, Attitudes and Beliefs Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio

Clark Johnson Lee^+

Dissertation: Preventing Drowsy Driving in Young Adults Through Messaging Strategies that Influence Perceptions of Control and Risk Advisor: Dr. James Butler & Dr. Ken Beck

Benedicta Osafo-Darko

Dissertation: The Lived Experience of Resilience in African-Born Black Women Living With HIV and Engaged in Care Through Community-Based Organizations in the United States: A Critical Interpretive Phenomenological Ethnography Advisor: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

Samantha Watters

Dissertation: Provider-to-Provider
Communication in Blood and Marrow
Transplant: Best Practices in Shared Patient
Care to Improve Equity, Access and Outcomes
Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Natalie Crnosija*

Dissertation: Environmental Exposures and

Children's Health

Advisors: Dr. Devon Payne-Sturges &

Dr. Robin Puett

Vivek Ravichandran^

Dissertation: Exploring Environmental Injustice and Air Pollution-Related Health Effects in Prince George's County, Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Sacoby Wilson

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Hyeonjin Song^+

Dissertation: Climate Change-Related Extreme Events and Adverse Health Outcomes Among

Hemodialysis Patients *Advisor:* Dr. Amir Sapkota

FAMILY SCIENCE

Zachary Lane Berman+

Dissertation: "You're Going to Have to Have Brass Balls to F⋆ck With Us": A Descriptive Phenomenological Investigation of the Experience of Stigma Among Full-Time Consensual Power Exchange BDSM Practitioners

DDSM Practitioners

Advisors: Dr. Jessica Fish & Dr. Amy Morgan

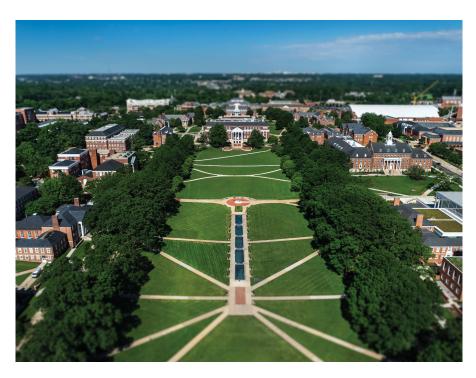
Isha Chawla

Dissertation: Financial Hardship, Psychological Distress, and Relationship Functioning Advisor: Dr. Mariana Falconier

Martha L. Yumiseva+

Dissertation: Reconceptualizing Resilience: Trajectories of Growth and Family Support for Central American Immigrant Youth

Advisors: Dr. Amy Lewin & Dr. Kevin Roy



HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Oluwasegun Austine Akinyemi

Dissertation: Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status, Utilization and Short-Term Postoperative Outcomes Following Bariatric Surgery in Maryland Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Elsie A. Essien

Dissertation: Healthcare Across the Pregnancy Continuum: Nativity-Based Analysis of Medical Expenditures Among U.S.-Born, Recent, and Established Immigrant Women Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Amy Harbaugh

Dissertation: An Examination of the Impact of Health Infrastructure Improvement Program Grants on Financial Performance and Quality Performance of Federally Funded Health Centers

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue & Dr. Luisa Franzini

Seyeon Jang+

Dissertation: Impact of Accountable Care Organizations on Medicare Costs and Healthcare Quality for People With Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Youngeun Lee

Dissertation: The Impact of State Alcohol Exclusion Laws on Alcohol-Related Mortality and Treatment Utilization
Advisor: Dr. Aryn Phillips



Shamis Mohamoud

Dissertation: Examination of Patient-Provider Continuity among Maryland Medicaid Enrollees

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Michelle Le Truong^

Dissertation: Disparities in Adolescent Mental Health Services Utilization and Help-Seeking *Advisor*: Dr. Neil Sehgal

Joshua Samuel Winer

Dissertation: Evaluating Costs, Quality and Performance within a Market Economy Framework for the Nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Chu Zhuang*

Dissertation: The impact of COVID-19 School Learning Modality on Child Mental Health Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux



KINESIOLOGY

Maria Clara Canellas Da Silva

Dissertation: Acute Regulation of Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain Proteins: Revealing the Relationship Between Dynamic Protein Organization, Permeability Transition and Chronic Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury

Advisor: Dr. Sarah Glancy

Lauren Elizabeth Eagan^

Dissertation: Allostatic Load Influences Vascular Function and Sympatholysis in Young Black Adults

Advisor: Dr. Sushant Ranadive

James Mathias Heilman^

Dissertation: Effects of Exercise and Inflammation on Circulating Microparticles Advisor: Dr. Steven Prior

Kiersten Ann Janjigian

Dissertation: A Psychophysiological Investigation of Visualizing Success: The Influence of Mental Imagery on Performance and Neural Efficiency in a Targeted Motor Task in Sport

Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Steven Charles Kahl[^]

Dissertation: The Influence of Cumulative Sleep Restriction on Human Performance: Examination of Brain Dynamics and Sustained Attention

Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Sara Elizabeth Mascone*

Dissertation: The Impact of Resistance Exercise on Peripheral Vascular and Cerebrovascular Function in Resistance Exercise Trained and Untrained Middle-Aged Women

Advisor: Dr. Sushant Ranadive

Kyle Francis Pietro^

Dissertation: The Relationship of Perceived Workload and Psychomotor Performance to Brain Dynamics During Varying Degrees of Task Demand and Controllability in a Flight-Related Compensatory Tracking Task Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Catherine Bonnie Sapp*^

Dissertation: The Effects of Age, Sarcopenia, and Resistance Exercise Training on Mitochondrial Structural Dynamics in Skeletal Muscle

Advisor: Dr. Steven Prior

Alexandra A. Shaver

Dissertation: Mental Workload and Performance Dynamics Underlying Hierarchical Planning Processes During Action Sequence Execution Under Various Demands Advisor: Dr. Rodolphe Gentili

Samantha Jane Snyder^

Dissertation: Gender Effects on Knee Loading and Knee Load Prediction using Instrumented Insoles and Machine Learning

Advisor: Dr. Ross Miller

Eric Alexander Stone^

Dissertation: P(l)aying for the Future: The Coalescing of Youth, Sport, and Community Development in Charm City
Advisor: Dr. David Andrews

Brandon Tyler Wallace^

Dissertation: Sport, Race and Grassroots Activism: A Contextual Analysis of Colin Kaepernick's Know Your Rights Camp as a Sporting Social Movement Organization Advisor: Dr. David Andrews

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Lindsay Michelle Mallick*

Dissertation: Racial Disparities in Cesarean Birth and Postpartum Hemorrhage: The Role of U.S. Health System Policies and Practices Advisor: Dr. Marie Thoma

Deborah Quint Shelef+

Dissertation: Sources of Family Support and Their Association With Child and Family Well-Being

Advisors: Dr. Amy Lewin & Dr. Marie Thoma

MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BIOSTATISTICS AND BIOINFORMATICS

Travis Anthony Canida

Dissertation: Novel Multivariate Bayesian Variable Selection Methods With Application to Genetic Fine Mapping

Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma

Hongjie Ke

Dissertation: Variable Selection and Causal Discovery Methods With Application in Noncoding Rna Regulation of Gene Expression

Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma





MASTER OF ARTS, KINESIOLOGY

Selma Stefania Cadar

Capstone: Identifying and Challenging Power Through Fashion: Independent Women's Tennis Players' Clothing Lines Advisor: Dr. David Andrews

Chioma Mary Ezeajughi

Capstone: Bone-Anchored Transfemoral Prosthesis Users Show Interlimb Walking Asymmetry Across Different Terrains Advisor: Dr. Jae Shim

Hunter Logan Frisk

Thesis: Execution of Complex Action Sequences Under Various Cognitive Demand With and Without Hand Biomechanics Alterations

Advisor: Dr. Rodolphe Gentili

James Robert Goedeke^

Thesis: Shifting Baselines of Human Movement: Application of an Ecological Conservation Socio-Cognitive Model to Physical Training, Clinical Outcomes and Common Perceptions of 'Normal' Human Movement Capability

Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Emilio Jared Weber^

Thesis: A Case Study of Red Bull's Use of Sporting Events in the Neoliberal Urban Environment

Advisor: Dr. David Andrews

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Ariana Jewel Santana^

Capstone: Community Planning Studio, Equitable Development for Langley Park, MD (co-authored)

Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall



MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Leanne Ajabor

Capstone: Developing a Mobile Health Clinic to Address the Needs of Underserved Populations in Baltimore County Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Marwah Aleena Ashraf^

Capstone: The Implications of Extending Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Raima Afzal Chaudhry

Capstone: AI-Driven Chatbots: Transforming Patient Interaction and Administrative Efficiency in Healthcare

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Christina Eunshil Chung

Capstone: Evaluating the Impact of Telehealth on Healthcare Access and Equity Among Underserved Populations

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Abdu Wakil Cyeef Din

Capstone: Hospital System Adaptability in Conflict Zones: Integrated Care as Core Method

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Leya Engdaw

Capstone: Management Strategies in Healthcare to Improve Employees'

Mental Health

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Colin Douglas Fanning

Capstone: Optimizing Cancer Prevention for Veterans through a Community-Based Screening, Early Detection, and Public Engagement Model Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Robert Emery Guay^

Capstone: Data Mining Algorithm Validation: Applying PDSA Methodology for Continuous Process Improvement Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Jennifer Diem Ha^

Capstone: The Consequences of Rural Hospital Closures: Evaluating the Crucial Role of HRSA Programs in Sustaining Healthcare Access

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Aisha Arif Jilani^

Capstone: Access Disparity in Maternity Care in Urban vs Rural Maryland Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Brendan Ahmad Jones^

Capstone: "All I Hear is Strategize, Strategize, Strategize!": Barriers and Enablers to Strategic Planning in Healthcare
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, continued

Liqiong Liu

Capstone: The Online Pharmacy Market: Current Status, Regulatory Frameworks, Emerging Challenges, and Evidence-Based Solutions

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Sumaiyah Saleem Mahmoodi

Capstone: Access and Barriers to Virtual Healthcare and Patient Portals for Non-Native English Speakers

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Abiraa Nandakumar

Capstone: The Impact of Preventive Dental Care on Oral Health Outcomes in Low-Income Populations
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Elise Rachelle Osborne^

Capstone: Improving Mental Health Access of the Healthcare Workforce in Maryland: An Evaluation of Mental Health Programs and Resources for Employees Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Selma Osman^

Capstone: Health Literacy and Communication Engagement Among Immigrants

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Indira Seema Persaud

Capstone: The Impact of Patient
Experiences on Healthcare Performance and
Quality of Care

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Khadija Shafiq^

Capstone: The Opioid Epidemic in Pennsylvania: Evaluation of Initiatives to

Address the Crisis

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Chase Aaron Suissa

Capstone: Evaluating the Effectiveness and Accessibility of Current and Past Diabetes Prevention Approaches for Older Adult Populations

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Jeeva Radhakrishnan Thaivalappil

Capstone: Health Literacy and Its Impact on Diabetes Management in Medicare Populations

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Morgan Brianne Vaca

Capstone: Digital Transformation in Healthcare: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Elizabeth Westbrook

Capstone: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Support Patient Education and Improve Health Literacy for Chronic Disease Management

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Vanessa William

Capstone: The Human Side of Virtual Care: Understanding Patient and Provider Experience to Enhance Telehealth Delivery Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Imani Louise Allene Allison^

Capstone: Empowering Pregnant Adolescents Through Tailored Group Education Advisor: Dr. Min Qi Wang

Alec Francis Boudreau

Capstone: Recommendations for Enhancing HIV PrEP Interventions Based on Existing Literature

Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Priscilla Ashley Chan[^]

Capstone: Development of a
Community-Informed Health and
Science Communication Product to
Promote Retention and Engagement of
Participants from Backgrounds Historically
Underrepresented in Biomedical Research
Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zeeger

Fatoumata Binta Diallo+

Capstone: Bridging Gaps in Global Women's Health Education: A Curriculum Development Project

Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zeeger

Naana Dei^

Capstone: Enhancing Cultural Humility Among Home Health Aides: Analyzing Cultural Competence Self-Assessments to Identify Targeted Training Modules for Proficiency

Advisor: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

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

Jennie Hager^

Capstone: Bridging The Gap Between Oral Health And Prenatal Health Advisor: Dr. Katherine Sharp

Hakima Sayeda Hussaini*

Capstone: A Qualitative Study of Emerging Experience of Online Dating and Romantic Ambivalence among Young Adults

Advisor: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

Ebony Jones

Capstone: Breaking Barriers: Reducing Stigma and Mistrust in Research with Underrepresented Communities

Advisor: Dr. Hector Alcala

Luke Thomas Kues^

Capstone: An Approach to Provide Cardiovascular Health Recommendations for Black Residents of Lakeland, MD Advisor: Dr. Devlon Jackson

Haja Ishata Kumalah§*

Capstone: The Open Door Sports Program: A Community Based Initiative to Increase Physical Activity Among Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities

Advisor: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

Elinor Laffargue^§

Capstone: Development of a Public Health Newsletter for Breast Cancer Survivors Living in Baltimore and Towson, Maryland: A Data-Driven Approach Advisor: Dr. Hector Alcala

Nealofar Madani

Capstone: Exploring Dietary Interventions through Ayurveda to Reduce Health Disparities in Low-Income Populations Advisor: Dr. Hector Alcala

Olivia Lee Mays

Capstone: Building Bridges to Recovery: A Curriculum for Student Recovery Allies at the University of Maryland Advisor: Dr. Brad Bockeloo

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, continued

Olivia Haewon Sangravee Na^

Capstone: Creation of a Social Determinants of Health Screener with the Wicomico County Health Department

Advisor: Dr. Hector Alcala

Nancy Neira^

Capstone: Improving Resource Availability For Males In Reentry Programs: Development of a Fundraising Toolkit Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zeeger

Amber Prince^

Capstone: Learning Through Dialogue: Gleaning Insights from Social Media Campaigns to Inform Adolescent Opioid Prevention in Charles County, MD Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski

Elizabeth Konthia Thach

Capstone: Exploring The Role of Community Health Workers in Building Community-Clinical Linkages within a Pandemic

Advisor: Dr. Hector Alcala

Marie Yuille^

Capstone: Medical Mistrust Among Black Men in Baltimore City, MD Advisor: Dr. Katherine Sharp

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSTATISTICS

Carter Terrence Carter^§

Capstone: Exploring Gender-Affirming Medical Care and Suicidality in the Transgender Population Using the 2016-2018 U.S. Transgender Population Health Survey (Transpop)

Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Henna Wu Datta

Capstone: Unmasking Maternal Health Disparities By Ethnicity and Nativity Among Asian American Subgroups Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma

Cameron Loats^

Capstone: Utilizing Machine Learning Techniques to Estimate Health Disparities in Diabetes

Advisor: Dr.Yan Li

Jacob Dean Schneider^§

Capstone: Evaluating Machine Learning Models for Brain Age Prediction: A Focus on Deep Neural Networks and Model Interpretability

Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma

Luz Maria Villanueva

Capstone: Analyzing Gender and Racial Disparities in Smoking Cessation Outcomes Using Artificial Neural Networks: Insights from the PATH Study

Advisor: Dr. Yan Li



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Maral Azarani^

Capstone: The "Reducing Anxiety with Nature and Gardening" (RANG) Project Advisor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein

Taeilorae Daijanai Levell-Young^*

Capstone: Accreditation Preparation Through Quality Assurance for an Environmental Water Quality Lab

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein

Jasmine Faith Effee Diah Nuako^

Capstone: Analyzing Food Inspection Reports to Enhance Worker Safety and Food Safety in Ethnic Restaurants Advisor: Dr. Abdel-Razak Kadry

Barrie Samantha Pasternak^§

Capstone: An Integrated Assessment of Occupational Heat Safety in Maryland Advisor: Dr. Kathleen McPhaul

MASTER OF SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Jan-Michael James Archer+

Thesis: Airing Grievances: A Characterization of Knowledge, Dissatisfaction, and Self-Efficacy Regarding Air Pollution in an Environmentally Oppressed Region of West Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Advisor: Dr. Devon Payne-Sturges



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY

Beata Badiee Assadi^§

Capstone: Oral Health and Rural Status: Findings from the 2022 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Tahriq Trenidad Bailey^

Capstone: Assessing the Association Between Living/Wage Characteristics and Stress in Migrant Farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Carissa Leigh Brubaker^

Capstone: Weathering: An Analysis of the 2022 Minnesota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Elizabeth Rose Early§

Capstone: Early Parental Loss and Suicidality Throughout Adolescence and Adulthood: Findings from the Add Health Longitudinal Study

Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Francis Mark Engles^

Capstone: COVID-19 Hospitalizations
Among the Diabetic Population: Analyzing
the Association Between Diabetes and
COVID-19 Hospitalizations
Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Carolyn Tierney Frommer^§

Capstone: Implications of Climate Change on Pregnancy Outcomes in Nepal: Findings from the Demographic and Health Survey 2022 Advisor: Dr. Hongjie Liu

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, continued

Jess Huang^

Capstone: ACEs, Gender Minority Stress, and Mental Health in Transgender Adolescents: A Literature Review

Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Rebecca Catherine Hyde

Capstone: Treatment of Endometrial Cancer Among Black Women in the United States: A Literature Review Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Sana Ahmad Khan

Capstone: Examining the Association Between Prescription Opioid Misuse and Other Substance Use Behaviors in Adults with Prescription Opioid Use Disorder in the United States

Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Samantha Anne Martocci^

Capstone: Is Smoking a Risk Factor for Infertility? A Cross-sectional Analysis Using the National Survey of Family Growth 2011-2019

Advisor: Dr. Hongjie Liu

Nayieh Miller

Capstone: Examining the Associations
Between Food Insecurity and Obesity in
Adults by Race and Ethnicity
Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Rachel Ann Moats^

Capstone: Findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS): Inadequate Sleep and Cognitive Decline Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Kate Evelyn Oravec^§

Capstone: Does It Keep You Up at Night? How Hormonal Contraceptive Use Impacts Sleep

Advisor: Dr. Cher Dalla & Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Claire Elise Reitenbach

Capstone: The Association Between Type 2 Diabetes and Breast Cancer Prevalence in Females

Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Alaa Maged Sharaf^§

Capstone: A Literature Review on Forced Famine as a Weapon of War in the 2023-2024 Gaza Conflict

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Aiswarya Kurukkampotta Suriaprakash*

Capstone: Assessing the Relationship between Educational Attainment and Alcohol Consumption Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Madania Suad Tejan

Capstone: Evaluating the Impact of Obesity on the Prevalence and Progression of Chronic Diseases: A Study of Type 2 Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, and Hypertension in the African American Community Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Ria Warrier

Capstone: Impact of Caregiver Attributes on Health-Related Quality of Life in 2023 Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal



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

Wesley Nii Aryee Joseph Annan

Capstone: TakeEmHome: Mobilizing Community Health and Empowerment for Accra Youth

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Rayhan Sved Asad

Capstone: How Emergency Department Characteristics Influence the Odds of Discharge Against Medical Advice among Patients with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Maia Elizabeth Jerchower§*

Capstone: Digitalizing the Volunteer Manual at The Children's Inn: Developing a Web-Based Resource Using Canva Pro Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Christine Eugene Kim§

Capstone: The Non-Medical Costs of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Visitation and an Evaluation of Hospital Assistance Programs

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Sarah Audrey McClure §*

Capstone: The Impact of Housing Instability on Health: A Social Risk Analysis of CareFirst Members in D.C. Wards 7 & 8 Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Londan Maurshay Preston

Capstone: The Power of Partnerships: Evaluating the Impact of CareFirst's Value-Based Care Models on Patient Access Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Joslyn Jewels Smith

Capstone: Optimizing Patient Flow Chart System for Workflow Efficiency Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Julie Yang§

Capstone: Is There a Seasonality Pattern of Surgical Site Infections at Luminis Health? Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Nicole Zaim®

Capstone: Bridging the Gap: Connecting Immigrants Affiliated with Canaan Christian Church in Wheaton, MD to Essential Healthcare Services Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HEALTH EQUITY

Sameen Rasheed Ahmed§

Capstone: Smiles Left Behind: An Analysis of Medicaid Dental Coverage and Community Access Challenges

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca A. Gourevitch

Cameron Awkard

Capstone: Analyzing ER Wait Time in a Medstar Hospital

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Kayla Soobin Bae^§*

Capstone: Reducing Disparities in Perinatal Deaths at Holy Cross Health in Silver Spring, MD

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Leland Joseph Hannapel[^]§

Capstone: The Impact of the H-2A Visa Program on Migrant Agricultural Workers Along the Eastern Shore of Maryland Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Kori Reyna Hardman

Capstone: Institutional Efforts to Improve Health in Communities: A Review and Implementation Plan

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Sania Malaika Hasan§

Capstone: Bridging the Gap: A Policy Proposal and Review of Telemedicine Use for Diabetes Management

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca A. Gourevitch

Doyinsola I. Iginla

Capstone: Ensuring Health, Safety, and Quality Care for Residents in a Company-Supported Living in Maryland Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Ciara Adrienne Kyler+

Capstone: A Cross Sectional Study Research Proposal on the Association Between Parental Adverse Childhood Experiences and Child Absenteeism

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Yesenia Isabel Lemus Avila®

Capstone: Mental and Behavioral Health Among Transitional-Age Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Prince George's County, MD

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Danielle Anietra-Marie Livingstone

Capstone: Research Proposal to Determine the Effect of Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure and Nutritional Counseling in Low-Income Pregnant Women

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Kaicee Maria Lord

Capstone: Does Medicaid Coverage of Doula Services Enhance Perinatal Outcomes?

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Carrington Lowe

Capstone: Enhancing Adolescent Substance
Use Prevention: Integrating Parent-Focused
Workshops into the Botvin LifeSkills Program
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Errienna McKenzie+*

Capstone: Redlining, Revitalization, and Health Equity: A Policy Analysis of Baltimore's Dollar House Program Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Emily Chaungoc Nguyen§

Capstone: Addressing Healthcare Quality Barriers for Spanish-Speaking Patients Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH EQUITY, continued

Deborah Toluwanimi Omotoso

Capstone: What Effect Does Narcan's Rx-To-Otc Switch Have on Drug Accessibility for Insured Adult Residents with Substance Use Disorder in the State of Maryland? Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Marylyn Michelle Presutti

Capstone: The Impact of Prior Authorization on Habilitative Pediatric Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy Services

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue



Blaize Marie Shiebler

Capstone: CMS Star Ratings and the Impact of Beneficiary Complaints

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Abby Danielle Sullivan

Capstone: Building a Free Clinic in Baltimore, MD
Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Roya Melissa H. Tehrani

Capstone: Bridging the Gap: Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Reduce Non-Urgent Emergency Department Utilization

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

Poushali Banerjee

Capstone: Exploring the Perceptions of Human and Social Services Workers in Delivering Health and Human Services During Disaster Recovery Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Kelly Marie Biglin§

Capstone: Expanding Access to Culturally Competent Care in Maryland: A Medicaid Policy Proposal for Community Health Worker Reimbursement

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Micah Victoria Ferguson§

Capstone: Perspectives on Policing Among Criminal Justice Program Administrators Advisor: Dr. lie Chen

Rachel Claire Galin§

Capstone: Developing the Key Performance Indicator for Advancing Organizational Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Isaiah Malik Griffith §*+

Capstone: Evaluating the Feasibility of Supervised Injection Facilities in Baltimore City

Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy

Erin Christine Meek

Capstone: Optimizing FDA's Use of and Processes for Advisory Committees: A Qualitative Analysis of Public Meeting Comments

Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy

Ganga Nair

Capstone: Evaluating the Impact of Electronic Health Record Utilization on User-Retention Among Advanced Practice Providers at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy

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Capstone: Funding Disparities in Chronic Disease Research: A Case Study of POTS and Multiple Sclerosis

Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy

Sarah Elizabeth Kelso Rightmire

Hannah Rebecca Treger§

Capstone: Finding Common Ground in Health Policy Messaging
Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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Capstone: Overcoming Disability: Improving Access, Maximizing Potential Advisor: Dr. Valerie Cholet

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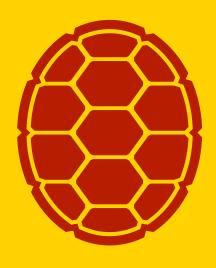
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