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Commencement Ceremony

INTRODUCTION

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Georges Benjamin, M.D.
Executive Director, American Public Health Association

STUDENT ADDRESS

Aditi Gubba, B.S., *Public Health Science '26*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Jennifer Bachner, Ph.D., *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Associate Dean Nicole Cousin-Gossett

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dean Boris D. Lushniak

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Georges Benjamin, M.D.

Executive Director, American Public Health Association

Georges Benjamin, MD, is Chief Executive Officer of the American Public Health Association. One of the nation's leading experts in public health emergency preparedness, since 2002 he has been leading the Association's push to make America the healthiest nation. Prior to this role, Benjamin was secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, overseeing the expansion and

improvement of the state's Medicaid program. He previously served Maryland as its deputy secretary for public health services.

Benjamin started his medical career as a military physician in 1978 and rose to become chief of emergency medicine at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Later roles include chairing the Department of Community Health and Ambulatory Care at the D.C. General Hospital, serving as D.C.'s acting commissioner for public health and then as interim director of the Emergency Ambulance Bureau of the D.C. Fire Department.

At APHA, Benjamin also serves as publisher of the nonprofit's monthly publication, *The Nation's Health*, and its scientific publication, *American Journal of Public Health*. He is the author of more than 200 scientific articles and book chapters. Benjamin is board-certified in internal medicine and, among other honors, a master of the American College of Physicians.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Aditi Gubba

Public Health Science '26

Aditi Gubba is a Public Health Science graduate with a minor in Technology Innovation Leadership. A former EMT turned product thinker, she spent her four years at the University of Maryland asking one question: What do people actually need? That question led her across research labs, classrooms and startups — from the Exercise for Brain Health Laboratory and Neurocognitive Development Lab, to founding CircleUp, a venture addressing student loneliness, as a Do Good Accelerator Fellow. She served as an Epidemiology Teaching Assistant, a Karabelle Pizzigati Advocacy Fellow, and spent more than two years on the SPH Communications team, where she helped tell this school's story to the world. After graduation, she plans to work at the intersection of public health and systems design. She believes uncertainty isn't something to survive, it's where the best discoveries happen.



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES

This year, the School of Public Health is pleased to honor doctoral graduates at its first Hooding Ceremony, taking place in the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. on the day of SPH Commencement.



BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Jessica Serwaa Anane

Dissertation: Urban Stress and Opioid Use Disorder: Exploring the Influence of Neighborhood and Individual Stressors on Methadone Treatment Outcomes

Advisor: Dr. James Butler

Angshuman Kumar Kashyap**

Dissertation: Digital Media and Sexual Health: A Mixed Method Exploration of Young Men's Exposure and Engagement with Digital Media Sexual Content in India

Advisors: Dr. Dina Borzekowski and Dr. Amelia Arria

Omobolanle Mary Kushimo^

Dissertation: The Development of Health Literacy among Second Generation Nigerian Americans

Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Baur

Leena Eve Moses*

Dissertation: Understanding the Experiences of Food-Insecure Mothers Who Navigate the Current Food System for Their Households

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Norell

Carson Peters^

Dissertation: Beyond the Bench: Evidence-Based Strategies for Equitable Clinical Research Engagement

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Norell

Katherine Raymond

Dissertation: A Multidimensional Analysis of eHealth Literacy Skills and Chronic Disease Self-Management Among U.S. Adults with Chronic Conditions

Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Baur

^Summer/Winter 2025 graduate

*Graduate Ambassador +Member, Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES

BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, *continued*

Bryan Shannon*+

Dissertation: Evaluating the Feasibility and Acceptability of Rosie the Chatbot for Racial and Ethnic Minoritized Fathers: A Health Education Question-And-Answer Chatbot for Fathers of Color

Advisors: Dr. Elizabeth Norell and Dr. Craig Fryer

Margaret Ann Smith+

Dissertation: Black Agrarianism and Holistic Wellness: Co-Creating an Evidence-Based Cooperative Model with the enBloom Collective

Advisor: Dr. Craig Fryer

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Ibiyinka Mary Amokeodo^+

Dissertation: Water for Agriculture in Mbeya, Tanzania: A Mixedmethods Approach to Assess Microbial Contaminants in Irrigation Water Sources and Perceptions of Associated Public Health Risks

Advisor: Dr. Amy Sapkota

Nicole Ernestine Sieck^*+

Dissertation: Extreme Heat and Risk of Hospitalization, Mortality in Patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease: A National Assessment

Advisor: Dr. Amir Sapkota

Lucy Kafui Akosua Kavi^+

Dissertation: Exposure to Current and Emerging Contaminants of Concern Among Women: Exploring Disparities in Exposure and Health Related Endpoints

Advisor: Dr. Lesliam Quiros-Alcala

Emily Woerner^*+

Dissertation: Feasibility of Harvested Rainwater as a Supplemental Irrigation Water Source on Urban Farms

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Sonica Sayam^{^+}

Dissertation: Cognitive Health Outcome Disparities in the United States: The Impact of Physical Activity and Dietary Habits

Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Yifan Yu^{^+}

Dissertation: Smoking Cessation and Type-2 Diabetes: Application of Marginal Structural Model and G-formula Method

Advisor: Dr. Hongjie Liu

FAMILY SCIENCE

Salwa Shan

Dissertation: “You Have to Bring your Own Chair”: Muslim American College Students on Identity, Belonging, and Mental Health

Advisor: Dr. Amy Morgan



HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Elsie A. Essien[^]

Dissertation: Health Care Across the Pregnancy Continuum: Nativity-Based Analysis of Medical Expenditures Among U.S.-Born, Recent Arrivals, and Established Immigrant Women

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Amy Aileen Harbaugh

Dissertation: An Examination of the Impact of Health Center Infrastructure Improvement Grants on Financial, Quality, and Health Service Expansion Performance of Federally-Funded Health Centers

Advisor: Dr. Dahai Yue

Shamis Mohamoud[^]

Dissertation: Examining the Continuity of the Patient-Provider Relationship Among Maryland Medicaid Enrollees

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen

Makeda Walelo^{^+}

Dissertation: Examining The Impact of the Maryland Global Budget Model on Severe Maternal Morbidity Disparities

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Chu Zhuang^{★^}

Dissertation: The Impact of COVID-19 School Learning Modality on Child Mental Health

Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux



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[★]Graduate Ambassador ⁺Member, Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES



KINESIOLOGY

Jessica Oldham Blatecky

Dissertation: The Temporal Effects of Acute High-Intensity Interval Exercise on Semantic Memory and Potential Moderating Effects of Lactate

Advisor: Dr. Bradley Hatfield

Mia Caminita[^]

Dissertation: Inter-Personal Motor Interactions During Human-Human Joint-Action Shared Object Handling Tasks

Advisor: Dr. Jae Shim

Rana Karimpour

Dissertation: Assessment of Select Kinematic and Kinetic Gait Outcomes Across Three Standard Single-Event Multilevel Surgery Groups

Advisor: Dr. Jae Shim

Shuling Jacqueline Wu

Dissertation: Protecting Neighborhood Sense: A Neighborhood Occupational Portrait of a Hispanic Immigrant Community in Langley Park, MD

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Roberts

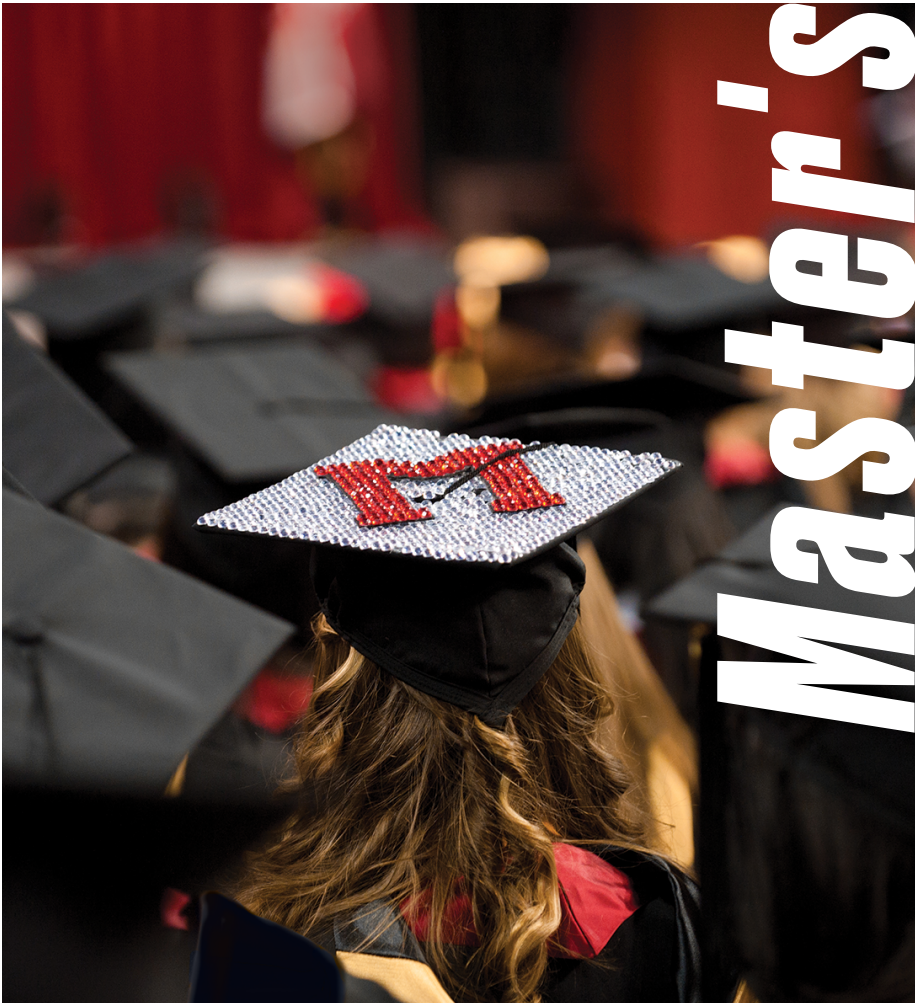
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Janay R. Johnson⁺

Dissertation: Anxiety, Depression, and Healthcare Navigation Among FGM/C Survivors in the U.S.: An Analysis of Protective and Risk Factors and Determinants of Care

Advisor: Dr. Mona Mittal

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES



MASTER OF ARTS, KINESIOLOGY

Evan Ryan Bota

Thesis: The Effects of Aerobic Exercise Training and Insulin Resistance On Lipid Droplet Size and Perilipin Protein Association

Advisor: Dr. Steven Prior

Justin Marshall Parks[^]

Capstone: The Effects of Resistance Training on Inflammatory Cytokines in Middle Aged Women

Advisor: Dr. Steven Prior

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Leslie Nana Oye Akuffo

Capstone: Examining Social Determinants of Health in Maternal Mortality

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Hawi Bekele Bengessa

Capstone: Addressing the Gap: An Analysis of the Need for Group Homes and Sober Living Facilities in Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Sindhu Bastakoti[^]

Capstone: Evaluating the Impact of Medical Interpreter Services on Health Outcomes Among the Patient Population with Limited English Proficiency

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Ji Cha[^]

Capstone: Operational Improvements for Equitable Type 2 Diabetes Care in Latino Populations: A Value-Based Approach

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Anna L Clary[^]

Capstone: Combating Childhood Obesity in Rural America: Exploring the Role of Physical Activity and Nutrition in Appalachia and Beyond

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Abdu Wakil Cyeeef Din^{*^}

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

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Chau Ngoc Kim Do[^]

Capstone: Protecting Two Generations: Exploring the Impact of Postpartum Depression on Maternal Caregiving and Infant Development, and Strategies for Effective Intervention

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Patrice Mercedes Downs

Capstone: The Role of Multidisciplinary Teams in Oncology Care Delivery and Clinical Quality Improvement

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Chloe Elizabeth Fattouche[^]

Capstone: Educational Inequities Among Children with Special Needs

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Blien Gebresslassie

Capstone: Evaluating Organizational, Policy, and Financial Challenges Contributing to Maternal and Childbirth Complications Among Women of Color in the U.S.

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Abraham Jake Gildin[^]

Capstone: Workforce Challenges within the Healthcare Industry

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Milla Sergeyeuna Kleyman

Capstone: The Impact of Healthcare Organizational Culture on Employees, Patients, and Health Outcomes

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Samantha Lam

Capstone: Assessing Access and Utilization of Mental Health Services Among Asian Americans

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Crystal Li

Capstone: Assessing the Impact of the Global Budget Revenue System on Inpatient Cardiovascular Care in Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Alyssa Aarti Maragh

Capstone: Evaluating Success in Value Based-Care: An Analysis of Maryland's Healthcare Reform

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, *continued*

Josselinne Melissa Marroquin Villatoro

Capstone: The Impact of Nursing Shortages in the United States on Patient Quality of Care in Healthcare Organizations

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Eleanor Rose Millspaugh

Capstone: The Impact of Socioeconomic Disparities on Equitable Epilepsy Treatment in the United States

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Nadia Selina Morales

Capstone: AI Integration into EHR Systems for Reducing Clinical Workflow Burden

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Arushi Moudgil[^]

Capstone: COVID-19 and the Hospital C-Suite: Leadership in the Crucible of a Public Health Crisis

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Gohar Shehla Nasir

Capstone: Hospital Price Transparency: Hospital Compliance, Costs, and Access

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Muhammed Taha Nasir^{★^}

Capstone: "We Have Bigger Problems Than Surveys": The Business Case for Patient Experience

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi



Alexandra Nelson[^]

Capstone: Measuring Performance of Organ Procurement Organizations: Existing Literature and Policy Frameworks

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Gabriela Rivera Martinez

Capstone: Navigating Access and Utilization of Care Among Puerto Ricans with Diabetes in Puerto Rico and New York

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Madelyn Olivia Stuckles

Capstone: Impact of Care Coordination on Diabetes Outcomes

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Sophia Lee Walsh[^]

Capstone: Discharge By Noon: Examining an Initiative to Improve Hospital Organizational Capacity and Throughput

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Hong Zhang[^]

Capstone: Exploring the Relationship Between Hospital Staff Shortages and Patient Mortality Rates

Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi



MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Micaela Brena

Capstone: Evaluating the Short-Term Impact of Community Cooking Classes on Cooking Behaviors Among Prediabetic Individuals in Charles County

Advisor: Dr. Tracy Zeeger

Joshua Carlson

Capstone: Enhancing Faculty and Staff Capacity to Support College Student Mental Health: Development of a Mental Health and Well-Being Toolkit at Michigan Technological University

Advisor: Dr. Kathy Sharp

Angela Shannel Narcelles Della^{^+}

Capstone: World Down Syndrome Day Middle School Teacher Toolkit

Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall

Michael A. Fajuyigbe[^]

Capstone: Assessing the Usage and Attitudes of the Remote Patient Monitoring Pilot Program (RPM) Among African American Residents of Washington, D.C.

Advisor: Dr. Kerry Green

Caitlyn Irene Gunderson

Capstone: Increasing Health Outcomes and Equity Through Improving Workforce Competence at Anew Chemical Health Services

Advisor: Dr. James Butler

Madeleine Higgins

Capstone: Accessible Health Education for Young Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Advisor: Dr. James Butler

Amal Osman Mohamed^{^§}

Capstone: Building the Foundation: The Feasibility and Sustainability of Community Gardens to Combat Food Insecurity

Advisor: Dr. Elaine Doherty

Rashel Joanna Moscoco-Morales

Capstone: Understanding and Improving Patient-Provider Communication for Spanish-Speaking Limited English Proficient Populations in Clinical Settings

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Norell

Lucy R. Nielsen

Capstone: Cultivating Multi-University Partnerships for Community Strengths and Needs Assessments

Advisor: Dr. James Butler

Mborou Kathy Njai[^]

Capstone: Reproductive and Sexual Health for Transmasculine Individuals, Cancer Prevention, STIs, and Barriers to Routine Care

Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall

Reyna Elizabett Portillo

Capstone: Supporting Youth in Substance Use Prevention and Recovery: A Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention (MBRP)-Informed Toolkit for Community Developers

Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Knott

Alexa Marie Rothenbuescher

Capstone: Transition Out of Collegiate Athletics: Supporting Physical Activity and Nutrition After Retirement

Advisor: Dr. Dina Borzekowski



MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

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

Alyssa Sysophie Roeing

Capstone: Reducing Youth Exposure to Tobacco Imagery in Onscreen Media: Expanding Truth Initiative's Tobacco Free Screens Project
Advisor: Dr. Kerry Green

Shayna Elyse Shor[^]

Capstone: Terrapin Well-Being Advocate: A Digital Toolkit and Badge for Faculty and Staff at the University of Maryland, College Park
Advisor: Dr. Evelyn King-Marshall

Mya Marie Smith^{^*§}

Capstone: Stress Management and Mental Health Information for Black Expecting, Postpartum, and Parenting Moms in Baltimore City
Advisor: Dr. Devlon Jackson

Mahiteb Ashenefe Solomon[^]

Capstone: Awareness of Food Insecurity and Nutritional Education
Advisor: Dr. Elaine Doherty

Melissa Ambrose Stoner

Capstone: Developing Health Communication Resources to Improve the Health Insurance Literacy of International Students
Advisor: Dr. Amelia Arria

Loise Silva Novochadlo Taliaferro

Capstone: Peer-to-Peer Education on Mental Health and Substance Misuse Prevention for Middle School Students in Anne Arundel County
Advisor: Dr. Kathy Sharp

Kristina Tojzl

Capstone: Supporting the Supporters: Using the Social Cognitive Theory to Prevent Burnout in Peer Educators
Advisor: Dr. Elaine Doherty

Cailin Genise Trembley[^]

Capstone: The Intersection of Substance Use Recovery and Oral Health: Barriers, Beliefs, and Solutions
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Baur



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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSTATISTICS



Victoria Omolara Adebari[^]

Capstone: Assessing the Influence of Maternal Body Mass Index on Birth and Fertility Outcomes
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Naod Dawit

Capstone: An Analysis of the Impact of Healthcare Cost Barriers on Activity-Limiting Physical and Mental Health: An Examination of Sociodemographic Disparities Among U.S. Adults
Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma

Mubassira Tun Nur[§]

Capstone: Prenatal Care Utilization and Low Birthweight Across Racial and Ethnic Groups in U.S. Pregnancies
Advisor: Dr. Yan Li

Linda Dee Peng

Capstone: Employer-Sponsored Insurance and Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenditures Among Older Adults: Analysis of the Health and Retirement Study
Advisor: Dr. Mei-Ling Lee

Ana Peshku

Capstone: Health Insurance Accessibility and Dental Health Outcomes
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Paul Chibuzor Umemezie*

Capstone: Evaluating the Combined Effects of Antihypertensive Therapy and Lifestyle Factors on All-Cause Mortality in a National Cohort
Advisor: Dr. Xin He

Tina Zhen[^]

Capstone: Evaluating the Efficacy of Botulinum Toxin Type B in the Treatment of Cervical Dystonia
Advisor: Dr. Charles Ma



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MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Julia Cider Ethan[§]

Capstone: A Critical Comparison of Citizen Science and Government Investigations into PCB and Pesticide Contamination at Colonia High School

Advisor: Dr. Paul Turner

Aziz Ali Hurtado Olson[^]

Capstone: Developing, Pilot Testing, and Evaluating an Environmental Health Needs Assessment in Compone, Peru for Application by UMD Public Health Beyond Borders

Advisor: Dr. Heather Amato

Nana Ama Ohene Kumi^{^*}

Capstone: Cross Sectoral Review of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus in the Gulf Region of the USA

Advisor: Dr. Leena Malayil



Elizabeth Willa Galloway

Capstone: Developing Environmental Health-Focused Programming on Sanitary Sewer Overflows for Middle School Students in Montgomery County, Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein

Michelle Lois Sackey-Ansah

Capstone: Breaking the Language Barrier: Enhancing Understanding of the Maryland Heat Stress Standard in Spanish-Speaking Agricultural Workers

Advisor: Dr. Kathleen McPhaul

Melissa Jane Thomas[§]

Capstone: A Pilot Study Assessing the Use of Film-Badge Dosimetry for Monitoring Ultraviolet Exposure at the UMD Health Center

Advisor: Dr. Kathleen McPhaul

Caroline Yvonne Morton[^]

Capstone: Conducting a Training Needs Assessment of Maryland Employers for Heat Exposure Prevention of Employees

Advisor: Dr. Kathleen McPhaul

MASTER OF SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Alexander Gracen Choiniere

Thesis: Assessing Bacterial Contamination on Healthcare Surfaces and the Impact of Provider Knowledge and Education on Infection Control Practices in a University Health Center

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein



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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY

Natalia Alfaro[^]

Capstone: Gaming's Impact on Adolescents Mental Health: An ECLS-K Analysis

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Amy Marie Andrelich[^]

Capstone: Glycemic and Inflammatory Biomarkers Associated with Migraine in U.S. Adolescents: NHANES 1999 -2004

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Hawa Racine Bangoura

Capstone: Perceived Cardiovascular Disease Risk: Individual- and Neighborhood-level Predictors

Advisor: Dr. Paula Strassle

Aidan McGrath Craver

Capstone: Vaccine Adherence Among Adults with Chronic Conditions

Advisor: Dr. Paula Strassle

Caroline Julia Crown

Capstone: Review of Sexual Dimorphism in Breastfeeding and Infant Growth

Advisor: Dr. Edmond Shenassa

Evelin Fernanda Davila[§]

Capstone: Nativity-Based Differences in Fertility and Reproductive Healthcare Utilization in the U.S.

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Suad Nawaf Esayed^{^§}

Capstone: Spiritual Connection and Behaviors on Anxiety in Black Muslims: A Secondary Data Analysis

Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Roman Emil Kassaraba^{^§}

Capstone: Past-Year Psychological Distress and Opioid Misuse Among Adult Sexual Minorities and Heterosexuals

Advisor: Dr. Typhanye Dyer

Karina Elizabeth Lopez[§]

Capstone: Parity, Hormone Use, and Physical Functioning Among Women with Rheumatoid Arthritis in the United States, NHANES 2017–2018

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Jacqueline Elinor Miller^{*§}

Capstone: Associations between Total Trihalomethanes and Depression: A Secondary Data Analysis of U.S. Adults in NHANES 2015–2016

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Tulsi Aria Patel[§]

Capstone: Food Insecurity and Hypertension among U.S. Adults: An Analysis of Self-Reported and Clinically Measured Outcomes within NHANES 2017-2018

Advisor: Dr. Cher Dallal

Olivia Prince

Capstone: Examination of Food Insecurity, Hypertension, and SNAP Among Adults in the U.S.

Advisor: Dr. Thu Nguyen

Vyness Grace Simbi[^]

Capstone: Exploring the Impact of Marijuana Use on Depression Across Age and Gender

Advisor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

Sophia Thompson[§]

Capstone: Racial and Ethnic Variations in the Association Between Pediatric Preventive Care Visit and Emergency Department Utilization in the United States

Advisor: Dr. Paula Strassle

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, *continued*

Abigail van den Berg

Capstone: Understanding Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Disparities in HPV Vaccine Series Completion Among U.S. Adolescents: An Analysis of NIS-Teen Data, 2015-2023
Advisor: Dr. Hongjie Liu

Michael Tran[^]§

Capstone: Association Between Body Mass Index and All-Cause Mortality Among Adults: A Secondary Data Analysis Among Adults Using NHEFS Data
Advisor: Dr. Hongjie Liu

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Rasheed Abdullah

Capstone: Strengthening Community Health Outreach Through SWOT-Based Quality Improvement
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Nyah Conway

Capstone: #RAREis Mentorship Program: Building Community, Self-Advocacy, and Professional Development for Rare Disease Scholarship Recipients
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Rachel Lauren Katz§

Capstone: Creating Best Practices for Regulatory Staffing and Development at the Maryland Department of Health
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Mariya Valentinovna Klochkova§

Capstone: Impacts of Digital Transformation on Employee Health Benefit Awareness
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Ketki Shah§

Capstone: Process Improvement Project for the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic
Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy

Connie Suen§

Capstone: A Quality Improvement Initiative to Reduce Patient Wait Times in a Private Gastroenterology Clinic
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Paula Szigethi Marcos

Capstone: Improving Medicare Advantage Engagement: Addressing Structural Barriers to HRA and AWV Completion
Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Anh Tran§

Capstone: Improving Broker Services Case Management Workflows Using a Quality Improvement Framework
Advisor: Dr. Nate Apathy



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH EQUITY

Eno Anima Abrefa

Capstone: Enhancing Operational Food Distribution Efficiency and Equity at Zion Church

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Caryl Akofala Victoria Agopome§*

Capstone: Bridging the Language Gap: Creating Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Education for African Women in Prince George's County

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Maya Mary Assaker

Capstone: Housing, Aging, and Equity: How a Faith-Based Initiative Can Address Social Determinants of Health

Advisor: Dr. Luisa Franzini

Gabrielle Anna Bengelsdorf§

Capstone: Closing the Lifespan Gender Gap: A Gap Analysis of Healthy People 2030 and Implications for Men's Health

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Nazret W. Berhane

Capstone: Developing a Culturally Tailored Hypertension Education Brochure for Tigrinya-Speaking Eritrean Orthodox Adults: A Community-Based Pilot Program

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Meghan Hobbs§

Capstone: Analysis and Recommendations for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Adilene Marquez

Capstone: Bridging the Gap Between Low-Income Youth and Higher Education: Development and Evaluation of Outreach Efforts for the Next Generation Scholars After-School Program

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale



Britney M. Mills

Capstone: Evaluation of the Cora Diane Cameron Heart of Hope Extended (CDCHOE) Bread of Life (BOLD) Pantry Program

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Demi Payne

Capstone: Retrospective Quality Improvement Evaluation of the Speak My Culture CME: Lessons Learned for Culturally Responsive Lifestyle Medicine Education

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Jana Lavette Washington

Capstone: Building Community Health through Resource Integration at Community Forklift

Advisor: Dr. Kellee White Whilby

Jaylan Weaver

Capstone: Cross-Committee Analysis of Web Engagement with ACOG Guidance Documents

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Leah Tzivia Young§

Thesis: A Thematic Analysis of Diversified Need Fulfillment in Polyamorous Relationships

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Gourevitch

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

Aamina Bora

Capstone: The Role of Housing, Poverty, and Social Support Policies in Reducing Violence-Related Crime: A Comparative Policy Analysis Using the Social Determinants of Health Framework

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Kaleen Thao Van Ly

Capstone: Administrative Burden and Access to Outpatient Physical Therapy: A Comparison of Medicaid and Commercial Insurance

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Sydney Renee McFarlane§

Capstone: Climate Resilience and Green Care in Oregon: A Qualitative Thematic Analysis of CCO Claims

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Vacha Maheshkumar Patel

Capstone: Modernizing Physician Assistant Practice Laws: A Policy Proposal to Improve Access and Reduce ED Wait Times in Maryland

Advisor: Dr. Xuanzi Qin

Nithya Sridevi Rao§*

Capstone: Qualitative Analysis of Social Workers' Experiences with Patients Seeking Lodging

Advisor: Dr. Melvin Seale

Fatima Alsatu Saccoh§

Capstone: Aging Out of Parental Insurance and Its Impact on Health Care Access, Utilization, and Coverage Among Young Adults with Childhood-Onset Physical Disabilities in the United States

Advisor: Dr. Mika Hamer

Emmanuella Onyame-Aman Sanvee

Capstone: Cost-Response Trade-offs in Neoadjuvant Breast Cancer Chemotherapy in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cost-Consequence Analysis of Weekly vs Tri-Weekly Paclitaxel

Advisor: Dr. Michel Boudreaux

Gabriel Ethan Whisner

Capstone: A Systemic Review on the Body of Research concerning Mood Disorders in Young Black Men

Advisor: Dr. Jie Chen



MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Madison F. Lane

Capstone: Reducing Cardiovascular Disease and Type 2 Diabetes Risk Among Rural Women in Deale, MD, Through Community-Based Adult Education
Advisor: Dr. Valerie Cholet

Vasanthi Shanmuganandam+

Capstone: Lifestyle Data-Driven Predictive Modeling for Chronic Diseases
Advisor: Dr. Valerie Cholet

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND POLICY

Cayla Jenea Bellamy

Capstone: Cultural Competency Implementation and HIV Prevention and Treatment in Hispanic/Latino MSM Populations: A Literature Review
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Amanda Carrillo-Perez^

Capstone: The Impact of Restrictive Abortion Laws on Birthing Individuals' Physical Health, Mental Well-being, and Access to Reproductive Health Care: A Literature Review
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Margaret Julia Connolly

Capstone: Improving Outpatient Specialist Access through Scheduling Optimization
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Ashley Deare^

Capstone: From Hotline to Courtroom: A Literature Review of Maryland's Adult Behavioral Health Crisis Response System from 988 to Mental Health Courts
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

Sandra Chrystelle Domche Epse Ngongang

Capstone: HIV Prevention Among Black Women in the United States: A Focus on Long-Acting PrEP
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Capstone: Vaccine Hesitancy Among Rural Populations: Evidence-Based Strategies to Improve Immunization Uptake
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Capstone: Global Health Data Governance and Regulatory Decision-Making: A Comparative Public Health Policy Analysis of the United States and European Union
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Capstone: Advanced Care Planning and Death with Dignity: Ensuring Autonomy, Choice, and Peace
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Capstone: Promotion Initiative in Conservative States to Address Maternal Mortality Rates in Black & African American Women
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Capstone: Analysis of Government-Sector Physician Retention in Rural Punjab, Pakistan
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Capstone: Are Gun Control Laws Effective? A Literature Review Comparing the United States to Canada and Australia
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Capstone: Barriers to Implementing Falls Prevention Programs in Underserved Older Adult Populations in Maryland
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Capstone: Moving Health Forward: A Policy & Evidence Analysis of How Strengthening Public Transportation Can Improve Population Health and Health Equity in Baltimore City
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Capstone: Evaluation of the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Public Health
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Capstone: Rural America: When Access Becomes a Chronic Condition
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Capstone: U.S. Federal Disability Benefits: History, Gaps and Policy Recommendations
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Capstone: A Comparative Analysis of Community Health Workers in Nigeria and Rwanda: Strategies, Challenges, & Policy Recommendations
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Capstone: Mobile Healthcare Services: Reducing Barriers, Increasing Prevention, and Decreasing Costs
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Capstone: Evaluating How Artificial Intelligence Tools are Used in Population Health Management to Improve Value-Based Care Performance in U.S.
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Capstone: Assessing the Impact of Food Security Policies and Programs on Urban Health Equity
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Capstone: Bridging Innovation and Safety: Evidence-Based Policy Frameworks for AI-Enhanced Clinical Decision Making
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Capstone: Influenced and At Risk: Misinformation, Diet Culture, and Body Image in the Adolescent Digital Experience and Impact on Health
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Capstone: Cannabis in the Margins: Addressing Rural Health Disparities through Culturally Grounded Education and Policy
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Capstone: Sleep for a Better Tomorrow: A Holistic Evaluation of Implementation Strategies to Augment Sleep Outcomes Amongst Shift Workers in Healthcare
Advisor: Dr. Negin Fouladi

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Capstone: Universal vs. Means-Tested Income Support: Maternal and Birth Outcomes in Medicaid-Eligible Populations
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MASTER OF SCIENCE, COUPLE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Arina Yevgenevna Borodkina

Thesis: Couples Therapists' Practices and Experiences Treating Emotional Intimate Partner Violence

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Thesis: From Family Systems to Social Justice: Understanding Resilience Among Asian American Sexual and Gender Minoritized Individuals

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Capstone: Finding My Voice as a Therapist: A Journey of Clinical Growth and Integration

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Capstone: From Constriction to Alignment: Somatics and the Expansion of the Therapeutic Self

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Capstone: Pulled in Different Directions: Integrating Emotional Depth and Practical Steps to Support Couples Navigating Diverging Needs

Advisor: Erica R. Turner, M.S.

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Capstone: Inherited Scripts: Exploring How Gender Socialization Defines Identity and Values Through Unconscious Work Across Generations

Advisor: Erica R. Turner, M.S.

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Capstone: Redefining Healthy Boundaries: How to Navigate Cultural Humility While Working with Immigrant Families Through a Structural and Experiential Lens

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Capstone: Evolving as a Couple and Family Therapist through the Integration of Self, Systems, and Clinical Practice

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Capstone: From Self to System: A Portfolio of Clinical Development of a Couple and Family Therapist

Advisor: Erica R. Turner, M.S.

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Capstone: Building Shared Meaning Across Difference: Re-authoring Connection in Multifaith and Multicultural Relationships

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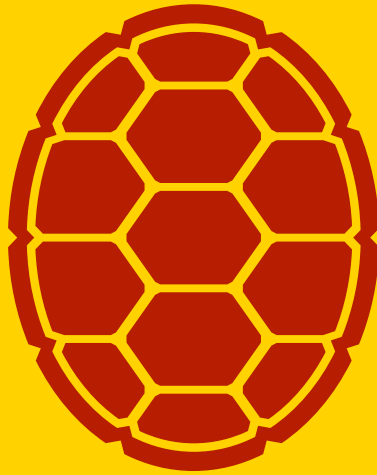
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