



The Latest from the SPH May 2019

**Dr. Leana Wen, Planned Parenthood President, to Address SPH Graduates at Spring Commencement, May 22**

The School of Public Health will graduate more than 600 students on Wednesday, May 22 at 11 am in a commencement ceremony in the university's Xfinity Center. Dr. Leana Wen, President of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, will deliver the keynote address. An influential public health leader, Dr. Wen emphasizes that "reproductive health care is health care" and that health care is a human right that must be guaranteed for all. Aparna J. Pooleri, who will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Science, is the student speaker.

[Full Commencement details](#)

[Watch the ceremony live](#)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Power to the People!**Environmental Justice Symposium Draws Hundreds from 10 States**

Associate Professor Sacoby Wilson organized the fifth Symposium on Environmental Justice and Health Disparities on May 11, bringing together policy makers, legal advocates, community organizers and researchers to promote environmental health, elevate community voices and enact change. [Learn more.](#)

How the Great Flu Pandemic Advanced Civil Rights

One hundred years ago, the flu pandemic had an unexpected side effect: a civil rights breakthrough for black nurses. A new article and book by public health historian Marian Moser Jones tell their stories. [Read the Terp magazine story.](#)

Study Finds Higher Death Count in Puerto Rico From Heart Disease, Other Causes Following Hurricane Maria

New research led by Dr. Raul Cruz-Cano estimates that Hurricane Maria led to 1,205 "excess deaths" in Puerto Rico in September and October 2017, with the top causes being heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. [Learn more.](#)

SPH Hosts National Summit Focused on Research and Advocacy to Prevent Gun Violence

From April 24-26, the SPH hosted a teach-in and national research summit focused on strategies to eliminate gun violence as a leading cause of injury and death. [Learn more.](#)

PHOTO GALLERIES & STORIES



SPH Inducts New Delta Omega Honorary Society Members



Four "Distinguished Terrapins" Recognized as SPH Champions



2019 Convocation Celebrates Outstanding Students



SPH Photos from Maryland Day 2019

STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

Paula Escott '19 (B.S., Public Health Science) Receives Fulbright Grant

SPH Students Earn Prize Money in Do Good Challenge Finals

Bridget Higginbotham MPH '18 Helping Combat Malaria with USAID

Sara Olsen, MPH '17, Inducted into Women Divers Hall of Fame

Food, Energy, and Water Scholars Study with Global Leaders in Israel and the West Bank

FACULTY ACCOLADES

Mental Health Trailblazer and Professor Norman Epstein Retires

LGBTQ Rights Activist, Lecturer and Therapist Robin Zeiger Retires

Four SPH Faculty and 11 Students Receive Graduate School Fellowships and Awards

Dr. Kerry Green Receives 2019 Winston Family Honors Award for Faculty

SPH Recognizes Faculty and Staff with 2019 Awards

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 22

SPH Spring 2019 Commencement
11:00 am - 1:00 pm | XFINITY Center

MAY 22

Film Screening: Sustainable Nation
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | AFI Silver Theatre, Silver Spring, MD

JUN 5

Terps in Law Enforcement: Combating the Opioid Crisis
6:30 am - 8:30 pm | National Law Enforcement Museum

SEP 13-14

2019 Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy & Health Equity Festival: Free Adult Dental Clinic
7:00 am - 5:00 pm | UMD XFINITY Center

SEP 16-18

Advocacy Training: The Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative in Advocacy for Children, Youth and Families
3:00 pm - 2:00 pm | To be Announced

SPH IN THE NEWS

THE NEW YORK TIMES

How Exercise Affects Our Memory

Features research from J. Carson Smith, an associate professor of kinesiology, that demonstrated that a single workout can increase activity in areas of the brain associated with memory.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

Maryland Lawmakers Raise Age for Vaping to 21. Will it Change Anything?

Julia Cen Chen-Sankey (PHD '18 Behavioral and Community Health) is interviewed about a Maryland law that will raise the age to purchase tobacco, including popular vaping products, to 21 starting Oct. 1.

SPH ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Some of the many participants at the end of a great first day of our Gun Violence Prevention National Research Summit! Thanks for your work to [#EndGunViolence](#) [@BDLushniak](#) [@ErinUmd](#) [@umdhealthequity](#)



6:09 PM - 25 Apr 2019

3 Retweets 10 Likes





Erin McClure UMD

@ErinUmd

Following

Our @UMDPublicHealth students @RohiniNambiar @kcsherman12 promoting a public health approach to opioid awareness and connecting students to lifesaving Narcan training @BDLushniak @UMDSGA @UofMaryland



6:11 PM - 16 Apr 2019

7 Retweets 28 Likes



2

7

28



ABOUT US

EVENTS

GIVING



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

School of Public Health, University of Maryland
4200 Valley Drive, Suite 2242 / College Park, MD 20742
301.405.2438 / 301.405.8397 / sph.umd.edu

