

EH Department Chair's Chatter
Friday, August 27, 2021

We are pleased to welcome our new and returning students back to campus. Orientation for new students was held this past week and Fall classes begin on Monday, August 30th.

Please join us in welcoming our new students.

*PhD in Population
Health Sciences*

Sanjana Bhaskar
Marissa Chan
Siyu Chen
Ruby Hickman
Zichuan (Bryce) Li
Jahred Liddie
Tabitha Lumour-Mensah
Dean Marengi
Ting Zhai

Master of Science

Roland Abuntori
Azariah Boyd
Sophie Erlich
Katherine Hardock
Connor Henderson
Amanda Hernandez
Isabel Holland
Zhiji Hu
Kuangyu (Serena) Liu
Tianyu Liu
Leah Martin
Krittika Paul
Angela Stegmuller
Chenqing (Ashley) Wang
Yichen Wang
Jiaxuan (Flora) Xu
Chunlei Yang
Qinni Yuan
Mengdan (Abby) Zhong

Master of Public Health

Joseph Abrams
Yuan-Hsin Chen
Anne Goei
Kevan Lutchman
Julia Malits
Jose Villa-Uribe
Rachael Zacks

Do you have questions about returning to campus, COVID testing protocols/requirements, how to pick-up/drop-off your test kit, how to activate your test kit?

The EH Return to Campus Coordinating Committee has developed an easy-to-follow set of guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), **all in one place**, to assist you. The new website can be found at: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/environmental-health/covid-updates-your-health-our-tips/>

Thanks to committee members Aleyda Villavicencio, Ariel Scalise, Barbara Zuckerman, David Christiani, Francine Laden, Lauren McCalla, Melissa Curran, and Monica Russell and also Eileen Chao for their efforts in developing the website.

We will keep the website information updated and share any changes through the *Chair's Chatter*.

Congratulations to Nancy Long Sieber who was awarded a *Certificate of Teaching Excellence* by Harvard University's Office of Undergraduate Education.

We would like to welcome Xiaoqing (Kathy) Li who joins the EH-Finance team next week as a Senior Grants & Contracts Manager. Kathy is an experienced Research Administrator coming from Tufts University where she worked with the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging with experience in both Pre & Post Award with a variety of federal and non-federal sponsors. We are delighted and excited she will be onboard soon.

Our department was well represented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology this past week. This virtual conference was hosted by our colleagues at the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. Great job by our alumni Andrea Baccarelli and Marianthi-Anna Kioumourtzoglou in organizing this meeting. Congratulations to Jaime Hart who received the ISEE Tony McMichael Mid-Career Award, and to Yaguang Wei who received a Peer Abstract Award. Apologies if we missed anyone.



For those who are ready to return to campus, here are the steps:

- Upload a jpg or pdf of your completed vaccination card to HUHS at mrecords@huhs.harvard.edu
- Request access to HSPH and/or 401 Park Drive/Landmark at hsph.me/accessandtesting
- When you come to HSPH campus Tap In your ID card at either the Kresge or FXB entrance. Enter Landmark as usual.
- If you need to test, pick up a test kit at one of the HSPH entrances. Follow the instructions and set up a Color account to track your testing. It is really easy to do, truly.
- Once you have activated your test kit and collected your sample, drop off your sample at either of the FXB or Kresge entrances or 3rd Floor at 401 Park Drive/Landmark.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us at envhlth@hsph.harvard.edu with any questions or concerns.

In other news, we welcome two new hires to the Department, Shaun Heller who has started as Faculty and Academic Affairs Coordinator, and Kaitlin Breen, who will serve as EER's Administrative Assistant.

We are sad to say goodbye to Phil Demokritou who has moved on to Rutgers University. Similarly, Doug Brownfield and Amitoj Sawhey have moved to the Mayo Clinic, along with Brian Deskin who is returning to Tulane University. We also wish Nicole Patterson, our former lab coordinator success at her new position at UMass Lowell. While sad to see these talented people leave the department, we wish them all continued success in their academic careers.

Thien-Khoi (TK) Phung, a fellow in the Park Lab, has been selected for the AJP-Lung Editorial Board Fellowship Program. This fellowship provides early-career researchers with detailed insight into—and hands-on training with—the many stages of manuscript processing at the AJP-Lung journal. TK will learn how to conduct a thoughtful, balanced, and constructive review of a submitted manuscript and how to reach and communicate a fair, constructive, and data-based decision. Congratulations, TK!

Seminars and events for the upcoming academic year are being planned and we will keep you updated as they are scheduled.

We look forward to seeing you in-person and/or remotely as the semester gets underway.