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Chair Chatter
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I hope you had a nice July 4th weekend as we are now deep into the dog days of summer. I am back from a week off myself. On July 1st, I transitioned to an emeritus status, but I will remain your acting chair and Francine Laden will remain the department's associate chair until the chair search comes to a successful conclusion. The search itself is making good progress.

Meanwhile, we have some nice news to report. On June 24th, the Harvard Chan ERC Occupational and Environmental Program announced three awards for outstanding contributions:

- Fan-Yun Lan received the 2022 Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residency Program's Academic Faculty Teacher Award.
- Jenna Cherenzia received the 2022 ERC Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residency Program's Clinical Support Award.
- Dennis Lacroix received the 2022 ERC Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residency Program's Clinical Faculty Teaching Award.

Congratulations to Fan-Yun, Jenna, and Dennis!

Congratulations also to Research Fellow Barrak Alahmad, who was selected for the 40 Under 40 Public Health Catalyst Award highlighting rising leaders and innovators of the public health field by the Boston Congress of Public Health: <https://bcph.org/40-under-40-barrak-alahmad/>. Well done, Barrak!

Lastly, congratulations to David Christiani who became a grandfather to young Seymour.

As always, please send items of note or upcoming events to [EH-Chatter](#).

Upcoming Events

July 22, August 5, 12, 19, 26

[Accelerating Precision Environmental Health: Demonstrating the Value of the Exposome](#)
NIEHS Sponsored Virtual Workshop Series

For registration and more information:

https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conference/exposomics2022/index.cfm/rpage/registration_july22

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I know I said it was the dog days of summer in my last chat, but this heat wave is ridiculous! With record heat being recorded on multiple continents, it is crystal clear how crucial our research linking the changing climate to health really is. Keep up the good work!

Let's start with some great news. Jin-Ah Park has been promoted to Associate Professor of Airway Biology! This is a major career milestone for Jin-Ah, who started in our department as a post-doc. Her research and demonstrated commitment to her mentees, the department, and the school make her so deserving of this promotion. Well done, Jin-Ah!

Congratulations also to Nancy Long Sieber and Joel Schwartz, who received a notice of award from the Fogarty International Center for their Global Environmental and Occupational Health ([GEOHealth](#)) grant. This prestigious program supports the development of institutions in low- or middle-income countries (LMICs) serving as regional hubs for collaborative research, data management, research training, curriculum and outreach material development, and policy support around high-priority local, national and regional environmental and occupational health threats. This particular award continues the linkage of Harvard Chan with the Centre for Chronic Disease Control in India.

We have also learned that one of our esteemed alumae, Miranda Loh, has joined the Institute of Occupational Medicine's (IOM) senior leadership team as the [Director of Science and Engagement](#). After leading many projects that provided guidance on policies related to face masks, Miranda's new role focuses on increasing the influence of science on occupational and environmental health policy and on everyday lives, ensuring that people benefit from all the work being done. Congratulations Miranda!

As always, please send news, updates and events to me at [eh-chatter](#). Stay cool!

Upcoming Events

July 27, 1:00-2:00pm ET; Harvard Chan-NIEHS Center for Environmental Health

Title: Methodological Challenges in Spatial and Contextual Exposome-Health Studies

Guest Speaker: Hui Hu, PhD

Details: Join us for our monthly Center Chalk Talks series (4th Wednesdays), a chance for members and affiliates to showcase the exciting research they are working on and solicit collaboration. This event will be held via Zoom and recorded. For more information, email niehsctr@hsph.harvard.edu.

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More information: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/niehs/event/center-chalk-talks-hui-hu-phd/>