



📣 Chair Chatter July 14, 2023

From the Desk of the Department Chair: Community Newsletter 📣

Hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July holiday and the bonus day off. I thought I would try a little different style for the chatter this week. Let me know what you think! We have some exciting updates and events to share with you, so let's get started.

🌟 In the Spotlight:

President Claudine Gay's Sweet Start



From left to right: Sotheany Leap (Research Assistant), Elisabeth Simonin (Postdoc), President Claudine Gay, Nick Vogler (Research Assistant), and Sarah Kirsh (Research Assistant).

President Claudine Gay took office last week and kicked off her tenure by hosting ice cream socials across the University last Tuesday. Pictured above are members

of the EH Department with our new President outside of HSPH and the Countway Library.

Department Updates:

Save the Date: EH Department Retreat Moved to October 30th

- Mark your calendars! The much-anticipated department retreat has been rescheduled to Monday, October 30th.

Faculty Spotlight: Carmen Messerlian's Research Featured in NIH's Monthly Publication

- Congratulations to Carmen Messerlian, whose groundbreaking research of how folate supplements may mitigate the effects of PFAS in women of reproductive age was featured in the latest issue of NIH's monthly publication. Three of Carmen's recent papers, which were part of Yu Zhang's PhD thesis, are highlighted. You can read more about it [here](#). Great work, Carmen and Yu! In addition, check out Carmen's [health and fertility podcast](#) that I mentioned in my previous chatter.

Harvard C-Change Youth Summit 2023 is Almost Here!

- The Harvard C-Change Youth Climate Summit 2023 will be kicking off on Saturday, July 22. This event is tailored specifically for high school students who are passionate about tackling climate issues head-on. The summit will feature several of our school's faculty members among other esteemed speakers. Learn more about the summit [here](#).

Heat Toolkit: Helping Doctors and Patients Combat Temperature-Related Health Risks

- Stay cool and safe this summer with the help of Harvard Chan's Gaurab Basu and Caleb Dresser. Their groundbreaking heat toolkit provides valuable insights for doctors and patients dealing with temperature-related health risks. Learn more about this innovative resource and its potential benefits [here](#). Don't let the heat get you down!

New Resource: Nature Masterclasses

- Nature Masterclasses offers online professional development courses for scientific researchers at all career stages but may be particularly valuable to Harvard Chan students, postdocs, and research staff. Topics

include grant writing, finding funding, designing experiments, data analysis, scientific writing, making presentations, and more. Click [here](#) to register and refer to the [user guide](#) for access details. Harvard's subscription to Nature Masterclasses, purchased by the FAS and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, is for current Harvard affiliates and is valid through 2/27/2024.

Weekly Policy Snippet:

- **Travel Reimbursement:** Travel Reimbursement: While the Harvard Travel and Entertainment Card (Corporate Card) is the strongly preferred method of payment for travel expenses, those without access to such a card (students, non-employees, and employees who may travel too infrequently to apply for one) may use cash or a personal credit card to pay for travel expenses. If personal funds were used, the traveler can be reimbursed for these expenses **AFTER** the trip has occurred and upon presentation of appropriate documentation. Reimbursement request including documentation should be submitted as soon as possible (best practice - within 2 weeks) of trip return. Late reimbursements may be paid as taxable or not eligible for payment if submitted after 90 or 183 days.
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More information: [See flyer here](#) | For questions, directions, or other help, please reach out to mkhemani@bu.edu.

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Speaker(s): Dr. Mingyang Song

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That's all for this edition of our chair chatter newsletter! Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events in the future. Please continue to send any news and events to EH-Chatter@hsph.harvard.edu. Remember, your contributions and enthusiasm make our community thrive.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Best regards,

Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD

Chair, Department of Environmental Health

All students, staff & faculty are welcome to attend!



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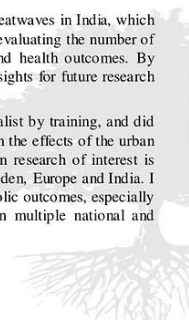
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Jeroen De Bont Email jeroen.de.bont@ki.se





Chair Chatter July 21, 2023

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We're ending the week with some exciting news! With the 1-year anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act coming up on August 16th, I wanted to take some time to recap some accomplishments made possible by its passing. As you may recall, this landmark legislation was designed to curb the rising costs of living while also advancing environmental justice through the implementation of fiscal, monetary, clean energy, and pollution reduction policies. Some of the key achievements of the past year include:

- A [reduction in greenhouse gas emissions](#) and air pollution driven by a methane emissions fee on the oil and gas industry.
- Expanded access to [affordable clean energy](#) for low- and middle-income families, rural communities, and Tribal nations.
- Growth in green jobs and innovation stimulated by funding for clean energy research and development.

These are just some of the highlights of the Inflation Reduction Act's impact on our economy and environment. We are excited to witness the positive changes and opportunities that this legislation has created for our society and our planet. Now, let's move on to some department updates and announcements.

 **In the Spotlight:**

STEMming the Gap: Inspiring Young Campers

- Several students in the department (Marshae Nickelberry, Marissa Chan, Joseph Wilson, and Jahred Liddie) joined the Harvard Chan-NIEHS Center Community Engagement Core to meet with and talk to elementary and middle school campers at the Bethel Institute for Social Justice STEM Youth Summer Camp on Tuesday. Thanks to Gerardo Rodriguez, Azariah Boyd, and Katherine Van Woert for organizing. It was a blast!

Department Updates:

EH In the News

- **‘We are inextricably linked to the health of our planet’:** I’m thrilled to announce that a video I filmed with Healio News on food allergies and planetary health has been released online. They joined me last week during the Global Food Allergy Prevention Summit in Chicago to discuss how climate change, air pollution, and environmental justice affect the prevalence and severity of food allergies. You can watch the video [here](#).
- **Beating the Heat and Saving Lives:** Please join me in congratulating two of our faculty, Dr. Caleb Dresser and Dr. Guarab Basu, for their excellent work and media outreach. In a recent STAT News article on how doctors are preparing for extreme heat conditions, they share their insights and experiences as physicians and climate health leaders, offering some practical tips on how to cope with heat waves and protect patients and communities. Read more [here](#).

New Resource

- **NIH K Grant Consultations:** Planning to apply for an NIH K grant? Don't miss this valuable opportunity to have your Specific Aims page reviewed by Harvard faculty with a track record of success in NIH grant funding. Applications are now open for consultations in October, November and December 2023. Check out the link [here](#).

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New Funding Opportunities

- I encourage our PhD students and Postdoctoral Research Fellows to check out the new funding opportunities from the NIH titled “Maximizing the Scientific Value of Data Generated by the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program:”
 - [Dissertation Grant \(R36\)](#)
 - [Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship \(F32\)](#)
- Harvard's Office of Technology Development and the Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability recently launched the [Climate and Sustainability Translational Fund](#) to strengthen the University's climate and sustainability research.

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Title: AI + Climate Justice Working Group Meeting (The Rights of Young People)

Speaker(s): Dr. Ashley Lee and Dr. Professor Benyam Dawit Mezmur

Description: Climate change threatens young people's rights to health, life, food, water and sanitation, education, housing, culture, and development, among others. Benyam will start off the session with some reflections on his recent work on the UNCRC's General Comment No. 26 on Children's Rights and the Environment. We will then engage in an open-ended discussion.

Location: Smith Campus Center

Zoom: <https://harvard.zoom.us/j/7776581601>

More Information: [Sign up for the AI + Climate Justice Working Group mailing list.](#)

Tuesday, July 25, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Title: *How do buildings impact cognition?*

Speaker: Stefan Flagner

Description: Do buildings impact our cognition? Is opening the windows the only way to make sure we perform optimally indoors? What is the role of CO2 in all this? Join the talk by Stefan Flagner to learn more about what indoor air quality and in particular CO2 does to your cognitive performance. Stefan Flagner is a researcher at Maastricht University, The Netherlands, working in an interdisciplinary team of human physiologists and real estate economists to investigate how the indoor environment affects building occupants.

Location: HSPH, Building 1, Room 1302

Zoom:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/95426311234?pwd=QU5oZlhiZUtYeVBIVzJNMFN2R2R3QT09>

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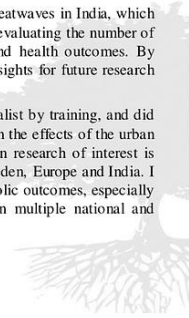
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Happy Friday! It's been a busy week for the department, with the 2023 C-CHANGE Youth Summit kicking off its programming Monday. I've had a blast connecting with the next generation of climate leaders, and am excited to share some of what we got up to:

- The keynote speech by Dr. Gina McCarthy, the former National Climate Adviser in the Biden-Harris Administration and former Director of Harvard Chan C-CHANGE.
- The panel discussion on climate justice, featuring experts from different fields and backgrounds.
- The student-led workshops on various topics, such as climate communications, environmental justice, global health, and policy and advocacy.

We also have some photos and testimonials from the participants, who came from 25 states and 9 countries to learn about climate, equity, and health issues. Stay tuned for more in-depth coverage next week when we will have access to the professional photos and videos from the event. Keep an eye on the department's socials for more highlights throughout next week. I hope you enjoy reading about this amazing experience as much as I enjoyed being part of it!

 In the Spotlight:

As you may have heard, our wonderful colleague Anna Miller, C-CHANGE's Senior Communications Coordinator, is going on maternity leave starting next week. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this new and exciting chapter of her life. Please join me in sending her your warmest congratulations and well wishes. Thank you, Anna, for everything you have done for the EH community. We hope to see you back soon!

Speaking of family additions, Adjunct Professor John Evans and Faculty and Academic Affairs Coordinator Shaun Heller each welcomed a new member to their families last week.

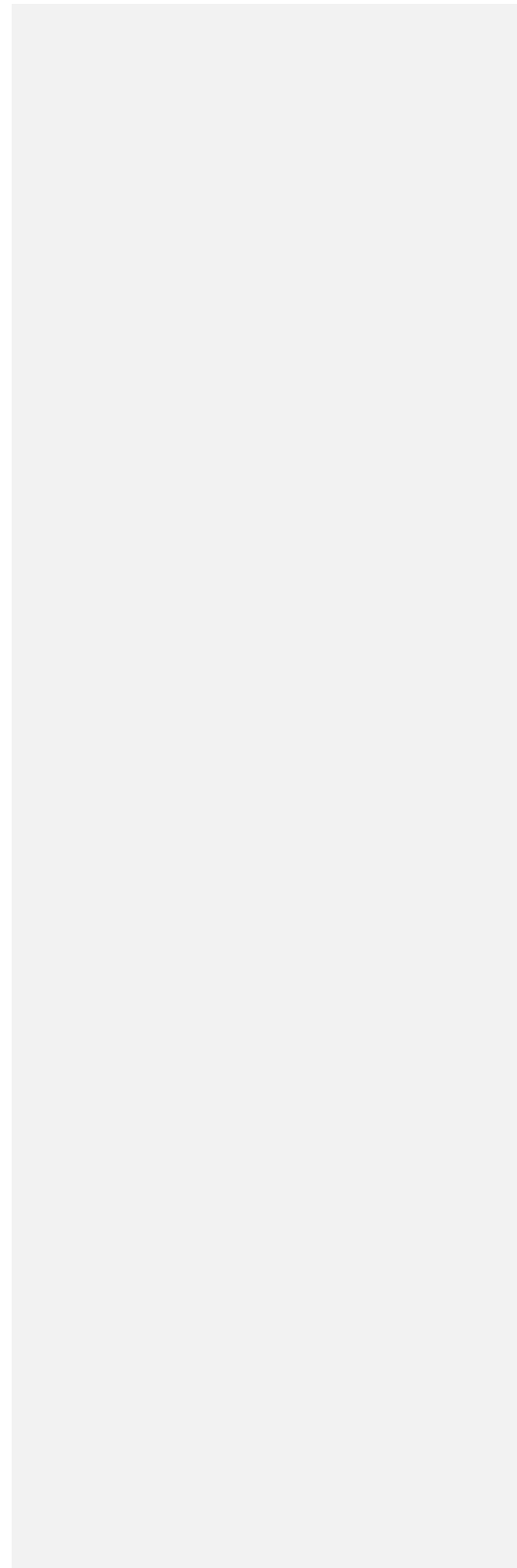
John's granddaughter, Josephine, was born happy and healthy last Thursday. Here is a picture of the proud Grandpa holding her.



Shaun adopted a 14-week-old puppy. Her name is Sage. I hear she isn't doing well sleeping through the night, but she looks adorable! Her breed is unknown at the moment but let us know if you have an idea of what kind dog Sage is by filling out [this survey](#). There is a small prize for the best guess.



Department Updates:



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- **A Call to Action:** Liz Willets, Senior Director of Planetary Health Policy, is making waves with a recent publication in [The Lancet](#). The article, written with experts from different disciplines, outlines the urgent need for action to address the health impacts of climate change. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about her groundbreaking work in an upcoming webinar on September 6th. [Register now](#) and join the conversation!
- **Heat Challenges & Health:**
 - I am honored to have collaborated with C-CHANGE Student Ambassadors Jinia Sarkar and Leah Martin on a recent article published by The Messenger where we discuss the unexpected connection between heat and allergies. As environmental health leaders, I believe we have the power and the responsibility to speak up for our patients and our planet. Read it [here](#). For more, tune into this video interview with Healio where I discuss the role of allergists as advocates. Watch the video [here](#).
 - I am also delighted to have been mentioned in a People's Pharmacy podcast on how heat challenges human health. As we face increasingly extreme heat conditions, it is crucial that we continue to learn and share information on how to cope with heat waves. Tune in [here](#) to learn more.
 - Please also join me in congratulating research fellow Barrak Alahmad for his recent mention in The Star. Barrak works with advisor Professor Petros Koutrakis on air quality, climate change & health in the Middle East, specifically the adverse impacts of dust storms and extreme temperatures. Read more [here](#).
 - Another kudos to C-CHANGE fellow Catharina Giudice for her Washington Post interview on how extreme heat and pollution can double heart attack risk. She explains the science behind this alarming finding and gives some tips on how to stay healthy in a warming world. Read her interview [here](#).

- **Caleb's 'Hot' off the Presses:** Caleb Dresser's been heating up the news lately! For [two weeks in a row](#), the Director of Healthcare Solutions at C-CHANGE has been featured for his leadership in an innovative pilot program combatting heat injuries in the U.S. With Gizmodo, Dr. Dresser shared his insights on the importance of providing patients with vital information and resources to stay safe during hot weather. Check out the [article](#) to learn more about this critical initiative. Not stopping there, Caleb also shares his knowledge with CNN in a recent article where he demonstrates how proactive healthcare can reduce suffering from heat-related illnesses. Read more [here](#).
- **Climate Optimism:** We can all take inspiration from the work of Marcy Franck, C-CHANGE's Senior Communications Strategist and author of the [Climate Optimist Newsletter](#). In a CNN video, she explains how she finds hope and motivation in the face of the climate crisis. She also shares some practical actions that we can all take to reduce our carbon footprint and make a positive difference. Watch the video [here](#).
- **Clean Air Centers in NYC:** Let's also acknowledge the expertise of Principal Research Scientist Mary Johnson, who was recently featured in Brooklyn Eagle's article exploring the possibility of establishing clean air centers in NYC. Dr. Johnson stresses the importance of understanding indoor air quality, especially as climate change continues to worsen the problem. Discover more [here](#).
- **Health Risks of Black Hair Care Products:** Associate Professor Tamarra James-Todd was quoted in a BET article this week about the health risks associated with long term use of chemical relaxers. Read the full article [here](#).
- **EARTH Study Receives NIH Funding for New R01:** The EARTH Study (PI Hauser) has obtained five years of NIH funding to investigate paternal pesticide exposures in relation to couples' pregnancy outcomes and whether sperm and leukocyte epigenetic mediate the associations. Congratulations to BWH Assistant Professor and EH Visiting Scientist Lidia Mínguez-Alarcón, who is the PI of this new grant!

New Resource(s)

- **Communications Submissions Survey:** In the interest of efficiency, we've created a live Qualtrics form for event, article, and department update submissions. While the eh-chatter@hsph.harvard.edu inbox will still be open to receive any department news, the survey will enable more streamlined department-wide communications moving forward. Test it out [here](#).

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New Funding Opportunities

- The deadline for the ISEE Essay Contest is this Sunday, July 30, 11:59pm CST, USA. The \$1,000 travel award is open to students, post-docs, and early career researchers. See the flyer below and click [here](#) for more information on how to apply.

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 - **Note:** A friendly reminder to all those planning to submit a proposal, make sure to submit the departmental grant intentions questionnaire at least 6 weeks before the submission date.
- **Commuting Expenses:** Commuting expenses: Some expenses, while ordinary and necessary for an employee's work, are considered personal, living or family expenses and thus cannot be paid or reimbursed as business expenses. Common examples are regular commuting expenses, repetitive meals, and costs for professional attire. As such, costs of routine transportation/parking between a person's place of work and their home is not a reimbursable business expense. Addendum to Business Expense Reimbursements Policy for Work-Related Travel to Campus (Business Expense Reimbursements Policy site) includes a commuting expenses chart which provides guidance for specific commuting scenarios.
- **New Travel Requirements for EU:** If you are planning to travel to Europe in 2024 or later, you may need to apply for ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System), a visa waiver program required for citizens of over 60 visa-exempt countries, including the United States,

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Canada, Australia and New Zealand. ETIAS permits entry to most European countries for business, tourism, medical or transit purposes for up to 90 days within a 180-day period. Learn more about how to apply [here](#).

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Location: Kresge 200

Wednesday, August 9, 3:00 PM

Title: *Rules of the Road for Engaging with Policymakers*

Description: Discover strategies for working with and speaking with policymakers to create change that benefits your patients and the climate.

More information: Please email Ryann Cohen (rcohen@burness.com) with any questions

Tuesday, August 15, 1:00 PM- 1:50 PM

Title: *Hot Topics Seminar Series: Mindful Eating for Our Health & the Health of Our Planet*

Speaker(s): Dr. Lilian Cheung

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Location: Kresge 200

Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 AM- 10:15 AM

Title: *Advancing integrated governance for health through national biodiversity strategies and action plans*

Speaker(s): Dr. David Cooper, Dr. Kari Nadeau, Liz Willets

Description: The Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health will host a webinar roundtable to discuss the Lancet Comment on advancing integrated governance for health through national biodiversity strategies. This comes after 196 governments committed to the 2022 Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework, leading to updates in national biodiversity strategies globally. The roundtable will explore how governments plan to integrate biodiversity-health interlinkages into these strategies and how the health sector can actively engage in co-design to address the interconnectedness of ecosystem and public health.

That's all for this week's chatter! Stay tuned for more exciting news. As always, please continue to send any news and events to EH-Chatter@hsph.harvard.edu, or feel free to try out the new [submission survey](#). Remember, your contributions and enthusiasm keep our community thriving.

Enjoy your weekend!

Best,
Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD
Chair, Department of Environmental Health

All students, staff & faculty are welcome to attend!

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July 11th
Dr. David Hemenway
Guns and Public Health

July 18th
Dr. Mingyang Song
Translating Epidemiologic Evidence in the Clinic for Improved Colorectal Cancer Prevention

July 25th
Dr. Michaela Kerrissey
Psychological Safty, Feeling Heard and Burnout Among Healthcare Workers

August 1st
Dr. Irini Albanti
Leadership Strategies for Humanitarian Organizations

August 8th
Dr. Marc Weisskopf
The Football Players' Health Study: CTE or not CTE, is that the question?

August 15th
Dr. Lilian Cheung
Mindful Eating for Our Health & the Health of Our Planet

1:00 to 1:50pm
Kresge 200
Dessert available!

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