



# RSA News

Spring 2022



## From the RSA Council Co-Chairs

Spring is finally here and after two challenging years of remote work, mask mandates, and testing we are finally able to be together in person again! We are excited to invite you all to our annual Open Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4. Come to hear what the RSA is, what we do, and how you may be able to contribute. We have many council members whose terms are up, and we really need your help and support to advance our mission and goals. Immediately following the meeting will be our first in-person social since 2019! We are also excited to announce that we are increasing the amount of award money available for the Harvard Chan Research Scientist Association 2022 Annual RS Awards! Individual awards will remain at a max of \$2500, but we will have \$7500 to award. Read below for more details.

We are really looking forward to May 20<sup>th</sup> and hope to see you at either the open meeting or the social (**or both**)!

Kind regards,

Sandy Munger and Leigh Graham  
(2021-2022 RSA Council Co-chairs)

## RSA Updates

- **Call for Harvard Chan Research Scientist Association Councilmembers!!!** The RSA Council is seeking at least 5 new members to represent your colleagues on the council. Representation from the *Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, the *Department of Health Policy and Management*, the *Department of Epidemiology*, the *Department of Nutrition*, and the *Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases* is especially desired! Please join us at our open meeting in May if interested! If you cannot attend the meeting but have questions about joining, please contact Sandy Munger ([kgorham@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:kgorham@hsph.harvard.edu)) or Leigh Graham ([lgraham@ariadnelabs.org](mailto:lgraham@ariadnelabs.org)) or any member of the RSA Council.
- **Friday, May 20, 2:30-4 pm** (Nutrition Library Bld 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor): The Harvard Chan **Research Scientist Association Council Annual In-Person Open Meeting**. If you have ever wondered what goes on at our RSA Council Meetings, if you are interested in joining the RSA Council, if you would like to ask questions or bring up issues important to you that you would like discussed, or if you just want to meet your Councilmembers, please plan to join us at the annual opening meeting. Zoom will also be available for those who are remote.
- Also on **Friday May 20 at 4pm**, join us for the **SPRING SOCIAL!** FXB atrium immediately following the Open Meeting. All RSs are welcome to both events!



- **Wednesday, June 1** - The Harvard Chan Research Scientist Association **2022 Award applications** open! Need some funds to cover research-related costs? Harvard-approved travel to a conference? Software? Lab equipment? We will be awarding a total of \$7500 dispersed between 3 or more Research Scientists through independent judging of applications and ranking based on the importance of proposed conference/workshop or supplies to the success of the applicant's research and the quality and clarity of the application. More details will follow on June 1! Stay tuned!
- **Monday, May 2, 2022** is the application due date for **new RS appointments, re-appointments, and promotions** for consideration at the RS review committee meeting on May 17, 2022

**Have you heard?** The committee that reviews the research scientist appointments and promotions has recently changed. First, a HUGE *Thank You* for all the time and energy that Drs. Jeff Fredberg, Steve Gortmaker, and David Shapiro have invested in us and the research scientist career track during their many years of service!

This year the committee was expanded to 6 members and includes a diverse mix of both faculty and principal research scientists: **David Shapiro**, Principal Research Scientist (CBAR) – Acting Chair; **Winnie Yip**, Professor of the Practice of Global Health Policy and Economics (GHP); **Heather Eliassen**, Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology (NUT/EPI); **Angie Cradock**, Principal Research Scientist (SBS); **Chih-Hao Lee**, Professor of Molecular Metabolism (MET); **Antonella Zanobetti**, Principal Research Scientist (EH). Thank you all for committing your time and support to the appointment and promotion of research scientists at HSPH!

#### **New RS appointments**

**Shafika Abrahams**, Center for Health Decision, 02/22  
**Kristin Baltrusaitis**, Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research, 04/22  
**Tim Lomas**, Epidemiology, 12/21  
**Xochitl Morgan**, Senior RS, Biostatistics, 03/22  
**Andre Nogueira**, Health Policy and Management, 12/21  
**Aditya Paul**, Immunology and Infectious Diseases, 03/22  
**Emma Preston**, Environmental Health, 03/22  
**Minttu Rönn**, Global Health and Population, 01/22

**Kristen Skillman**, Immunology and Infectious Diseases, 03/22  
**Isabelle Weir**, Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research, 01/22

#### **Promotions**

**Kjetil Bjornevik**, Senior RS, Nutrition, 04/22  
**Austin Frakt**, Principal RS, Health Policy and Management, 01/22  
**Natalia Linos**, Senior RS, FXB Center, 12/21  
**Grace Montepiedra**, Senior RS, Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research, 04/22  
**Xin Victoria Wang**, Senior RS, Biostatistics, 02/22

**CONGRATULATIONS ALL!**