



Fall 1 Newsletter

Dear SBS community:

To our incoming class of PhD, MPH-65, MPH-45, and SM1 students – Welcome to SBS and Harvard Chan!

To our returning students, staff & faculty - I hope you all enjoyed the summer.

On Thursday September 27, the Department will be holding a symposium on the State of Maternal and Child Health, Children, Youth and Families, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center. The event will honor the career of Dr. Marie McCormick, who served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health, at the Harvard School of Public Health, since 1991. The symposium will feature a distinguished cast of speakers, as well as reflections by current and former students on how Dr. McCormick influenced their research and careers. A special reception will follow, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health cafeteria.



The first of our Faculty-Student luncheons is scheduled for September 21 (Friday) in Kresge 708. Look out for a Paperless Post invitation to be sent sometime soon. Additionally, be sure to RSVP to the SBS Fall Fest on October 15 at 4:30pm.

I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

Best wishes,
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Student Spotlight

Magali Flores, MPH '19 shares her summer practicum experience working in Tijuana, Mexico at *Casa del Migrante*, the city's largest, oldest, and most well established migrant haven, offering services to aid in the social reintegration of migrants.



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Arrivals



Dr. Mary Bassett, is the newly appointed François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights in the department of Social and Behavioral Science and the director of the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights. Most recently Dr. Bassett served as the commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and as program director for the African Health Initiative and the Child Well-being Program at Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.



Dr. Erin Driver-Linn has joined our Department as a Visiting Lecturer and she joins the School as Dean for Education. Dr. Driver-Linn was previously the director of the Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching (HILT) as well as Harvard's associate provost for institutional research. She holds a PhD in Social Psychology from Harvard, and a BA in Communication from the University of Arkansas.



Bethany Kotlar joins us as the Program Coordinator for the Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health. She is interested in the design and implementation of programs to reduce health disparities in contraceptive access, pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. She earned her MPH with a certificate in maternal and child health from Emory University and has worked with pregnant and breastfeeding incarcerated and substance dependent women in the southeast US.



Scott Delaney, SD '19 and his partner, Megan (who also works for HSPH at



Koichiro Shiba, PhD '22, and his wife Sakurako welcomed their daughter Sayoko

Ariadne Labs), welcomed William (Will) into the world on August 10, 2018. Jules Delaney on April 14, 2018. He joins his big sister, Emmeline.

Awards & Honors

Scott Delaney, SD '19 received the following grants and fellowships: NIH F31 individual predoctoral National Research Service Award; Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Wellbeing; Djokovic Science and Innovation Fellowship from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University.

Alan Geller will receive an NCI Director's Award for his accomplishments in "Leadership in the Development of New Frameworks, Methodologies and Initiatives to Advance Research on Skin Cancer and UV Protective Behaviors." Alan will be recognized at the 2018 NCI Director's Awards Ceremony on November 8, 2018.

Kayoll Galbraith Gyan was 1 of 50 out of 300 applicants to be selected as a 2018 National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar. Kayoll attended a week-long Institute at the NIH Campus where she participated in lectures and discussions on health disparities and strategies for reducing such disparities.

Chun-Tung Kuo won the Audience Favorite Award and the Best Poster Image for his poster "A Tale of Despair: Income Inequality and Mortality from Drugs, Alcohol, and Suicide in the United States" in the 2018 Harvard Chan Poster Day.

Keletso Makofane, PhD '23 was elected to the Governing Council of the International Aids Society – the largest organization of HIV professionals in the world. The Governing Council has oversight over the secretariat of the IAS. **Read more:** <https://citypress.news24.com/News/sa-experts-lead-international-fight-against-hiv-20180625>

Marie McCormick is the recipient of the **Zena Stein and Mervyn Susser Award for Lifetime Achievement** through the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology. The award will be presented at the 2018 CityMatCH Leadership & MCH Epidemiology Conference.

Vish Viswanath was a recipient of the 2018 CLA Alumni of Notable Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota.

Michelle Woodford Martin, PhD '23 received a student grant from the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) *Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program* to conduct a study on "Missed Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Disability Entitlements among Infants in Neonatal Intensive Care Units."

Presentations

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Publications

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Events

WGH Welcome Lunch

Wednesday, Sept 5, 1-2pm in Kresge 110

The WGH Welcome Lunch will kick off the new year and welcome new students. Learn how you can be involved, plan events, and complete the concentration. Lunch will be provided and all are welcome!

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/WGHWelcomeLunch](https://www.tinyurl.com/WGHWelcomeLunch)

WGH Fall Social

Wednesday Sept, 5, 5-7pm at The Puddingstone Tavern (1592 Tremont St)

Interested in getting to know others who share your interests in gender, sexuality, and social justice? Join us for drinks, food and conversation!

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/wghfallsocial2018](https://www.tinyurl.com/wghfallsocial2018)

Center on the Developing Child Info Session

Tuesday, Sept 11, 5-6:30pm at Longfellow Hall, Eliot Lyman Room, 13 Appian Way, Cambridge

Learn about student opportunities to think differently, work differently, and drive innovation in research, policy, and practice to improve the well-being of vulnerable children.

Register online: <https://fs6.formsite.com/developingchild/form417/index.html?1533664942157>

For more info, visit: <http://developingchild.harvard.edu/about/student-resources/>

SBS 550 Information Session

Thursday, Sept 13, 1-1:50pm in Kresge 200

Come learn about the application process for SBS 550: Program Evaluation, the winter session CDC course taught by Henning Tiemeier and Mary Jean Brown. **RSVP to Bethany Kotlar.**

Measuring Violence against Women Globally: The Effects of Embedded Social Theories on Quantification

Friday, Sept 14, 1-1:50pm in FXB G-10

Sally Engle Merry (Silver Professor of Anthropology at New York University, Faculty Director of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at the New York University School of Law) will join us for a discussion on the social theories underlying various approaches to measuring violence against women. Using the example of a United Nations project to develop indicators for measuring violence against women around the world, this talk will examine the way quantification simplifies, decontextualizes, and homogenizes what is counted.

Public Health Wins in Ireland: Reflections on Same-Sex Marriage and Abortion Rights

Wednesday, Sept 26, 1-1:50pm in Kresge 202A

Sean Cahill (Fenway Health) and Irvienne Goldson (Boston ABCD) will reflect on same-sex marriage and abortion rights in Ireland and implications for public health.

The State of Maternal and Child Health, Children, Youth and Families Symposium

Thursday, Sept 27, 1:00 – 5:00 PM at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center
Boston, MA

This special event will honor the career of Dr. Marie McCormick, who has served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the Harvard School of Public Health since 1991. A reception will follow, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Kresge cafe.

RSVP: https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9MnU4kCLsqgw9KJ

Social determinants of health and safety at the workplace seminar

Friday, Sept 28, 1-1:50, Kresge G2

Dame Carol Black, Adviser on Health and Work to the UK Government and Principal, Newnham College Cambridge will provide an international lens to looking at social determinants of health and safety at the workplace. This seminar is co-sponsored by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Dean's Office, Center for Work, Health and Wellbeing, and RWJF initiative to build a culture of health as a business imperative.

Transgender Health and Rights in Massachusetts

Thursday Oct 4, 1-1:50pm in Kresge G2

David Topping (Freedom for All MA), Mason Dunn (MTPC), Corey Prachniak (MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth), and Sari Reisner (WGH faculty) will be on a panel to discuss transgender health and rights in Massachusetts, including the upcoming transgender ballot initiative.

SBS Fall Fest

Monday, Oct 15, 4:30pm, Kresge cafeteria

SBS students, research fellows, faculty and staff are invited to meet new colleagues and enjoy food, drinks and live music. Be sure to RSVP by Sept 15.

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