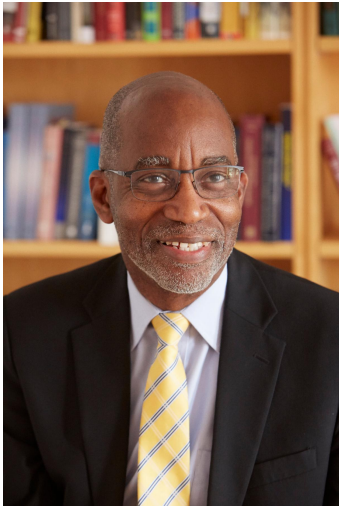




Fall 1 Newsletter



It was a pleasure to meet so many of our new students at Orientation this week. We are excited about the start of a new school year, and getting to know all of you in the classroom and at our various departmental events (check out the line-up at the end of this newsletter.)

We have a total of 59 new students across our programs. 30 students join the 45-credit MPH program while 20 join the 65-credit MPH. Eight students are matriculating into our Ph.D program, and one is in our masters of science in public health program. Our students reflect a broad range of academic and professional backgrounds and wide ranging interests in public health. 80% are female, and 80% are U.S. citizens. In terms of racial/ethnic diversity: among our MPH students 14% are Latinx, 12% are Black, 24% are Asian, one is multiracial and one is Native American.

The SBS department has historically been a leader at the Chan School in terms of supporting and ensuring diversity. In 2019, we cannot rest on our laurels but need to redouble our efforts to build the needed pipeline and recruit, train and mentor the diverse workforce that is needed, domestically and globally, to effectively address the critical public health challenges of our times. Success will require renewed vision and commitment and, our entire community, including our distinguished alumni, working effectively together.

Speaking of alumni, we hope our students, new and returning alike enjoy our new Alumni Corner feature!

David R. Williams

Faculty Spotlight



Shoba Ramanadhan joined the SBS Department in July 2019 as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Ramanadhan is an implementation science scholar whose areas of expertise include, capacity-building interventions for staff of community-based organizations, the role of staff social networks to promote the use of research evidence in community settings, and participatory approaches to implementation science to increase the impact of community-based organizations and increase the flow of practice-based evidence into the academic literature.

Current student, **Urvashi Pandya, MPH '20**, recently interviewed Dr. Ramanadhan about her thoughts on the field of dissemination and implementation science.

Alumni Corner

What piece of advice would you offer students in the SBS Department?



"Persistence. From my perspective, persistence is key for a successful career in academic public health. I've had many failures in my career but because I have been resilient and persistent I have also been successful. Stay persistent and focused!" – Dustin Vogt-Duncan, SD '11

Dustin is an associate professor in the Department of Population Health at NYU School of Medicine. He was awarded the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Emerging Public Health Professional Award in 2019.

His next book, *The Social Epidemiology of Sleep*, co-edited by Ichiro Kawachi and Susan Redline is to be published by Oxford University Press in October 2019.

Career Updates

Raquel Kohler, Research Associate, will be joining the faculty at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the Department of Health Behavior, Society and Policy in the School of Public Health in September 2019.

The Center for Work, Health, & Well-being is pleased to welcome Dr. **Seung-Sup Kim**, MD, MPH, ScD is a visiting scientist and an associate professor of epidemiology at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea. His current research focuses on social determinants of workers' health, investigating the health impact of adverse social experiences, such as discrimination, harassment, job insecurity, work-family conflict, and precarious employment. In addition, the Center is pleased to welcome two Fulbright Fellows: **Marta Pilotto**, a visiting scholar from the University of Trento in Trento, Italy; and **Yasmine Bezzaz**, a visiting scholar from Mohammed V University in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The Cancer Prevention Fellowship welcomes three new fellows for the 2019-20 academic year: **Jessica Liu**, a first year PHS student in SBS whose interests include substance use in adolescents and prevention education, **Nora Mueller**, a postdoc whose interests center on the implementation of research findings into clinical and public health practice, and **Coralia Vasquez-Otero** a postdoc whose research is primarily focused on the prevention of HPV-related cancers.

The Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health & Happiness recently welcomed two postdoctoral fellows. **Farah Qureshi's** research will contribute to a growing body of work exploring the interplay between social environments, children's emotional functioning, and cardiometabolic risk, and the ways in which positive assets may buffer children against poor health over the life course. **Harold Lee's** research focuses on the interplay between biological and social determinants of health. He joined the Center in July 2019, where he works on a funded grant examining the relationship between optimism and exceptional longevity.

Awards and Honors

Ichiro Kawachi received the Roger L. Nichols Excellence in Teaching Award at the Commencement Award Ceremony on May 28, 2019.

Nancy Krieger was selected as the Health Equity Champion for *Health Equity Matters* (Spring 2019), which is published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE).

Koichiro Shiba received the 2019 Teaching Assistant Award at the Commencement Award Ceremony on May 28, 2019.

Claudia Trudel-Fitzgerald, Research Scientist, received one of the four RSA Travel Awards from HSPH to present her research on psychological well-being and health at the **American Psychosomatic Society** conference in March, for which she is also a Program Committee member.

David Williams was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He joins former dean, Barry Bloom, as the other Chan School faculty who has received this recognition.

Presentations

Kim, E.S. "Sense of Purpose in Life and Society." National Academy of Sciences: Washington D.C.

Kim, E.S. "Psychological Well-Being as a Potential Target for Fostering Healthy Aging?" AARP: Washington, D.C.

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Events and Seminars

Women, Gender and Health Concentration Orientation & Welcome Lunch
Wed, Sept 4, 1-2pm, Kresge 110

Women, Gender and Health Concentration Fall Social
Wed, Sept 4, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Puddingstone Tavern, 1592 Tremont St., Boston, MA

Tobacco Control in Indonesia: Current Challenges and Controversies
Thurs, Sept 5, 1:00-1:50pm, Kresge 708

Maternal and Child Health Concentration Info Session
Tues, Sept 10, 1-1:50pm, Kresge 200

Fall Social, Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness
Wed, September 11, 4:30-6pm, Kresge Atrium

Inaugural Department Welcome Event
Fri, Sept 13, 1-4pm, Kresge G1, reception 4-6pm, Modell 100 Atrium, 210 Longwood Ave

Maternal and Child Health Concentration Welcome Party
Tues, Sept 17, 6-8pm, Taberna de Haro Restaurant, 999 Beacon St, Brookline
RSVP by Sept 10: bkotlar@hsph.harvard.edu

Positive Health Interest Group Meeting 1, Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness

Thurs, September 19, 1-2pm, Kresge 708

Center for Health and Happiness Seminar Series: Anita Chandra

Wed, Sept 25, 1-1:50pm, FXB G-12

Women, Gender and Health Working Group Meeting

Wed, Oct 2, 1-2pm, Kresge 708

SBS Seminar: Dr Camara Jones, Morehouse School of Medicine, Radcliffe Institute Fellow

Thurs, Oct 10, 1:00-1:50pm, Kresge G2

Positive Stories of Black Motherhood

Fri, Oct 11, from 5:30-6:30pm, FXB G13

Positive Health Interest Group Meeting 2, Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness

Thurs, October 17, 1-2pm, Kresge 708

Center for Health and Happiness Seminar Series: Willem Kuyken

Wed, October 23, 1-1:50pm, Kresge G2

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