



Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear SBS community,

After the soggiest Boston Marathon ever, things can only be looking up. We're on the home stretch! I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The last day of the academic year is May 11. Our Convocation ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at 11am on the Harvard Medical School Quad. I checked the almanac -- there is no snow or sleet forecast on that day.

Congratulations to all of our SD students who defended their dissertations this semester (see photos and dissertation titles below). We look forward to seeing our graduates and families at the SBS Graduation party (Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30pm at Legal Seafood, Park Plaza, for a last chance to savor the clam chowdah).

Enjoy our new and improved e-newsletter.

Ichiro



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Special Visit from Sir Michael Marmot



Landmark postdocs and visiting fellows recently enjoyed an afternoon with **Sir Michael Marmot**, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London.

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Career Updates

Justin Feldman, SD '18 was recently hired as an Assistant Professor at NYU School of Medicine in the Department of Population Health.

Masamitsu Kamada, former SBS postdoc, was recently hired as an Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo.

Gilberto Lopez, SD '18 accepted a position as Research Assistant Professor in cancer control at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He will be doing intervention research to address disparities in comorbidities among cancer patients and survivors.

Christine L Simon, SD'18, SM' 13 accepted a position as a NIDA Postdoctoral Fellow in The Division of Prevention and Community Research, Department of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine.

Awards & Honors

Alen Agaronov, SD '20 received a micro-grant from the Harvard University Film Study Center to support multimedia data collection for his research on health governance, creative capital, and sensory-aesthetic eating experience.

Armand Inezian, former SBS Grants Manager, was selected as a 2018 Harvard Hero. **Harvard Heroes** celebrates the accomplishments of Harvard staff whose work supports the mission of Harvard at the highest levels of contribution, impact and excellence. Congratulations to Armand!

Claudia Trudel-Fitzgerald received an enrichment award to conduct research on health disparities, emotional factors and biomarkers involved in age-related diseases, offered by the Harvard Catalyst Health Disparities Research Program.

Presentations

Alen Agaronov, SD '20 presented a rough cut (10 min.) of his film-in-progress, *Catching Social Reality in Flight*, which depicts the everyday aesthetics of public health practice, at the Joint Spring Conference for the American Ethnological Association and Society for Visual Anthropology in Philadelphia, PA.

Hiroyuki Hikichi will present *Residential relocation and risk of obesity: A natural experiment from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami* at the Society for Epidemiologic Research 51st Annual Meeting in June 2018.

Yulin Hswen, SD '19 presented her poster, *Feasibility of Using Twitter to Detect Psychological Characteristics of Self-Identified Persons with Autism* at the Geneva Health Forum 7th Edition Precision Global Health in the Digital Age, April 10-12, 2018, Geneva, Switzerland.

Justin Kaplan, MPH '19 presented a poster, *Experiences of discrimination on dating apps among gay and bisexual men in the Men's Body Project*, at Synchronicity 2018 - The National Conference on HIV, HCV, and LGBT Health.

Yongjoo Kim will present two posters, *Occupational class and C-reactive protein: a U-shaped association found from a Korean working-age population* and *Leisure-time physical activity, but not occupational physical activity, is associated with lower insulin resistance: a cross-sectional study of Korean adults* at the Society for Epidemiologic Research 51st Annual Meeting in June 2018.

Chun-Tung Kuo will present *Income inequality and socioeconomic disparities in self-rated health in the United States: A spatial analysis* at the Society for Epidemiologic Research 51st Annual Meeting in June 2018.

Claudia Trudel-Fitzgerald gave a talk on the association of positive psychological well-being and emotion regulation with markers of the HPA axis collected in toenails at the American Psychosomatic Society conference in March in Louisville, KY. She also presented a poster on whether facets of psychological well-being (e.g., optimism, happiness) and psychological distress (e.g., anxiety, depression) change differently among men and women after receiving a diagnosis of chronic disease at the Society of Behavioral Medicine conference in April in New Orleans.

Koichiro Shiba, PhD '22 will present *Long-term impact of disaster experiences on cardiometabolic risk: A natural experiment from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami* at the Society for Epidemiologic Research 51st Annual Meeting in June 2018.

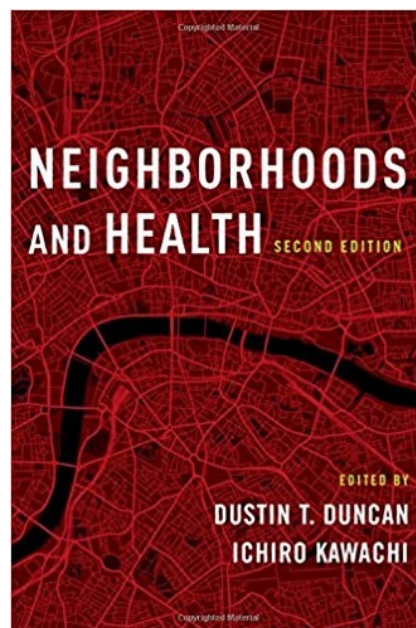
Christine L Simon, SD '18, SM '13, served as chair of the Fathers and Families session at the Population Association of America 2018 Annual Meeting.

Publications

Congratulations to **Ichiro Kawachi** and **Dustin Duncan, SD '11** on the the new edition of the textbook, *Neighborhoods and Health*.

In 2003, *Neighborhoods and Health* (edited by Ichiro Kawachi & Lisa Berkman) codified the idea that a neighborhood's social and physical makeup can influence the health of people who live in it.

More than a decade later, with the relationship between place and health firmly entrenched at the center of how we understand public health, this second edition of the textbook offers both a synthesis of the essential research and a practical overview of the methods used in spatial epidemiology.



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