We Cannot Be Silent And Indifferent

This Covid-19 pandemic that has persisted throughout 2021 brought unprecedented instability and change into our lives, our society and our world. These changes have affected all of us, but have had an even greater adverse impact on socially and economically vulnerable populations, domestically and internationally. The pandemic is thus a striking reminder of the persistence of inequities in life and in death.

A recent paper in JAMA Network Open, co-authored by one of our SBS faculty, Mary Bassett, indicated that if all racial and ethnic minority groups had the same COVID-19 mortality rate as college educated non-Hispanic whites, the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 in these populations would have been reduced by 71%. As public health professionals in practice and in training, the realities of 2021 should remind us that our commitment to enhancing health for all and eliminating social inequities in health is more urgent and timelier than ever. We cannot be silent and indifferent, given the desperate needs of others all around us. I wish you every success as you continue to work each day for a brighter and more equitable future.

With heartfelt thanks for your commitment and dedication this year, and with warm wishes for a healthy, safe and joyous holiday season!

David R. Williams

SBS Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee Update
With the input we gathered from the Department wide survey, we have begun to finalize our action items towards increasing our diversity, inclusion and belonging practices for FY22 but there is still work to be done. The action items we have created are in alignment with the three priorities the Office of Diversity & Inclusion set forth for the School of Public Health. For each priority, our committee came up with an action item that is in pursuit of the School wide priority while fulfilling specific needs for our Department. The first Priority Area set forth by ODI is **Leadership and Institutional Systems**, which the action item for our Department under this priority area is: Develop a more inclusive and welcoming department climate. Under the second priority area **Learning Culture at Harvard Chan**, we decided our departmental action item will be: Working to move the department community norms towards recognition and encouragement of community service and learning. Lastly, under the third priority area of **Diversity of Our People & Their Success**, we created two action items with an overall goal of creating a more diverse community of faculty, staff, researchers and students.

1. Formal coordination with ODI, the Admissions Office, Faculty Affairs and HR on recruitment strategies.
2. Developing concrete support systems for students, faculty and staff for their success.

Now with these action items in place, we are continuing to work with ODI on an action plan for the Department and identifying the resources needed to achieve our goals. The Committee welcomes input from all and would encourage participation from our student, faculty and research community.

Thank you from the SBS DIB Committee:
**Staff Members:** Stephanie McCulloch, Whitney Waddell, Elizabeth Solomon, & Lauren Chapman
**Student Member:** Julia Healey
**Faculty Members:** David Williams & Bryn Austin

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**Student Spotlight**

**Nomfuneko Mafunda, MPH ’22** (she/her/hers) is a second-year MPH student in the Health and Social Behavior field of study. She is interested in social and structural determinants of maternal and child health in underserved communities and improving sexual and reproductive health inequities. Nomfuneko was a 2021 Mississippi Delta Fellow for her summer practicum project with the Mississippi Public Health Institute.

"My practicum with the Mississippi Public Health Institute focused on assisting with the refinement of an evaluation plan as well as providing recommendations for the sustainability of the efforts to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality through doula care.

My project included multiple tasks. These included the collection of end of program survey evaluations from participants who had completed the program. I also conducted interviews with the doulas to assess their experiences of providing services in the program. Lastly, I conducted a literature review of existing community doula program evaluations and cost-analysis/effectiveness of community-based doula programs."

Read more about Nomfuneko's practicum experience.
Career Updates

The Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness is delighted to announce Jaime Mchunu’s promotion to Assistant Director of Operations and Strategy. Jaime has worked with the Center since 2017, serving as Center Administrator. In her new role, she will manage all aspects of Center operations, working closely with the Center directors, student groups, and partners within Harvard University and beyond. Congratulations, Jaime!

Starting in July 2022, Farah Qureshi, ScD ’19 will be appointed as an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Awards and Honors

Aviva Musicus was selected as an Ethan Sims Young Investigator Award Finalist by The Obesity Society for the following work (presented at The Obesity Society’s annual meeting on November 2, 2021): Musicus AA, Petimar J, Cleveland LP, Hicks M, Passey T, Roberto CA, Block JP. Testing the effects of sodium warning labels on sales and consumer knowledge in a hospital cafeteria.

Junjie (Anderson) Lu was awarded the 2021 Chinese Rainbow Network Scholarship by the Chinese LGBTQ+ Network on October 20, 2021.

Presentations

Childhood Maltreatment and Phenome-Wide Latent Factors in the UK Biobank  
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies  
Poster Presentation | Online | Nov 7, 2021

Augustinavicius J, Denckla CA  
Mental health and climate change: Cross-sector perspectives on research, education, and policy change  
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies  
Panel Presentation | Online | Nov 4, 2021

Kim H, Espinosa Dice, AL, Kim, G, Denckla CA  
Residual-based assessment of resilient phenotypes among bereaved youth in the ALSPAC study  
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies  
Poster Presentation | Online | Nov 6, 2021

Geller AC  
Presentation on Vaccine Inequity Data  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Joint Oversight Hearing on Children’s COVID-19 Vaccinations and Testing  
Hearing Presentation | Online | Oct 21, 2021

Geller AC  
The Promises of and Challenges in Returning our Children to School  
Massachusetts Association of School Committees/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents 2021 Joint Conference  
Keynote Presentation | Hyannis, MA | Nov 5, 2021
The 2020 US federal election, political climate, and the mental health of transgender and/or nonbinary youth and family members
American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting & Expo, Families and Health Among LGBTQ+ Youth and Adults Session
Oral Presentation | Denver, CO (Online) | Oct 27, 2021

Ibekwe LN, Atkinson JS, King YA, et al.
Examining the Association between Discrimination, Perceived Reasons for Discrimination, and Work-Related Injury among LDLs
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Poster Presentation | Denver, CO | Oct 24-27, 2021

The Impact of Perceived Racial Discrimination and Racial Residential Segregation on Cancer Screening among African American Women: A Multilevel, Longitudinal Analysis of 2-1-1 Texas Callers
14th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved
Poster Presentation | Online | Oct 6-8, 2021

Using Implementation Mapping to Guide Implementation of Evidence Based Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention in Federally Qualified Health Centers
14th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation
Poster Presentation | Arlington, VA | Dec 14-16, 2021

Krieger N
Embodying place & the people's health: critical science for health justice – an ecosocial proposal
Place & Health Conference 2021, CDC Office of Science Health Equity Science Series
Keynote Presentation | Online | Nov 16, 2021

Krieger N
Structural racism, white supremacy, and health inequities: the embodied truths sharply exposed by COVID-19 – and require structural remedies
Humboldt University of Berlin, The Berlin Lecture
Lecture | Berlin, DE (Online) | Dec 8, 2021

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Structural racism, white supremacy, and the 2-edged sword of data: health inequities and the embodied truths sharply exposed by COVID-19 in context
TOC for Fairness: A Simons Collaboration Project, Seminar Series
Lecture | Online | Dec 15, 2021

Kubzansky LD
Do Happy People Live Longer? Positive Psychological Well-Being and Healthy Aging
Cornell University Department of Psychology, Fall 2021 Colloquium Series
Presentation | Online | Nov 12, 2021

Kubzansky LD, Berkman L, Fuller J, Ton Z
Reimagining the Future of Work & Designing Humane Employment
SHINE Summit 2021
Panel Presentation | Cambridge, MA | Nov 9, 2021

A qualitative exploration of factors influencing implementation of stigmatizing programs in schools: Setting the groundwork for de-implementation
Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health
Poster Presentation | Online | Dec 14, 2021

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Testing the effects of sodium warning labels on sales and consumer knowledge in a
Nagler EM
Scaling up tobacco control in India: Comparing smartphone to in-person training for implementing an evidence-based intervention to reduce tobacco use among school teachers
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute New Grantee Workshop
Rockville, MD (Online) | Nov 17-18, 2021

Organizational Health Literacy: Operationalizing Healthy People 2030 Goals
Health Literacy Annual Research Conference 2021
Panel Session | Online | Nov 2, 2021

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Coping and Smoking among Addiction Treatment Providers: A Qualitative Analysis of the Relationship Between Occupational Stress in Recovery Homes, Coping Behaviors, and Personal Addiction History
American Psychological Association Work, Stress, and Health 2021 Conference
Poster Presentation | Online | Nov 4, 2021

Maldonado B, Viswanath K, Swisher K, Murphy B
Combating the Infodemic
Stanford University, The Pandemic Puzzle Series
Panel Presentation | Online | Oct 28, 2021

Viswanath K
Communication Strategies for Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines
The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine
Lecture | Online | Nov 30, 2021

Viswanath K
Reaching the Hardly Reached: Tobacco Control and the Underserved
Lung Cancer Program 2021 Symposium
Oral Presentation | Quincy, MA | Nov 17, 2021

Williams DR
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American Heart Association Scientific Session 2021
Plenary Session | Online | Nov 14, 2021

Williams DR
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University of Oxford Nuffield Department of Population Health, Richard Doll Seminars
Lecture | Oxford, UK (Online) | Nov 2, 2021

Williams DR
Social Inequities in Health: How We Can Effectively Reduce Them
American Society of Nephrology and the Kidney Week Education Committee
State-of-the-Art Lecture | Online | Nov 5, 2021

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Unintended and teen pregnancy experiences of trans masculine people living in the United States

*Int J Transgend Health* | Vol. 22(1-2), 65-76 | Oct 13, 2021


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Political lean: a crucial variable for monitoring COVID-19 in the United States

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**Upcoming Events**

**Developmental and Generational Perspectives to Understanding COVID-19 Young Adult Mental Health**  
Dec 15 | 1–1:50 pm | Center for Health and Happiness

**Implementation Science Working Group**  
Dec 21 | 3–5 pm | Harvard Catalyst Community Engagement Program

**CHH Seminar Featuring Vish Viswanath**  
Jan 26 | 1–1:50 pm | Center for Health and Happiness

**Intermarriage, Assimilation Theory, and the Acculturation of Global Marriage Migrants in South Korea**  
Jan 27 | 12–1:15 pm | Center for Population and Development Studies

**Women, Gender, and Health Working Group Meeting**  
Feb 2 | 1–1:50 pm | Women, Gender, and Health

**Have Changing Family Demographics Narrowed the Gender Wage Gap?**  
Feb 3 | 12–1:15 pm | Center for Population and Development Studies

**CPDS Social Demography Seminar Featuring Shannon Monnat**  
Feb 10 | 12–1:15 pm | Center for Population and Development Studies

**SBS Department Seminar**  
Feb 14 | 1–1:50 pm | SBS

**CHH Seminar Featuring Kristen Nishimi**  
Feb 23 | 1–1:50 pm | Center for Health and Happiness

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