

2021-2022

Celebrating Student
Excellence

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STUDENT AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS



Class of 2022

Doctoral Graduates

Amanda Crandall

August 2021

The Effects of Scarcity on Food Reinforcer Pathology

Gloria Aidoo-Frimpong

June 2022

Exploring the Acceptability and Potential Use of Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention Among Ghanaian Immigrants in the United States of America

Christina Kasprzak

February 2022

Evaluation of Pre-Implementation Capacity and Implementation Effectiveness of an Evidence-based Intervention for Mobile Produce Markets

Amanda Marie Ziegler

June 2022

Adolescent Eating Autonomy: Defining and Measuring a Novel Construct to Assess Adolescents' Autonomous Eating Behaviors



Class of 2022

MPH Graduates

August 2021

Kristen M. Buell
Roopsy Kamboj
Shavae Lewis
Charles Oluwarotimi Poluyi

February 2022

Claire Finnerty
Kaiden Girouard
Olivia Marie Humiston
Dylan Jablonski
Sarah Lane
Kaila McCray
Rachel Meyerowitz
Ambra Munlyn
Amir Siadat
Elizabeth Siciliano
Nidhi Simlote Villanueva
Michelle Zambrano

June 2022

Omar Abdel-Kerim
Saad Alasil
Kassidy Amburgey
Einaz Batarseh
Brian Benson
Taylor Billings
Jessica Lynn Bonds
Megan Breen
Paige Alyssa Burkard
Jessica Burke
Elizabeth Ann DiCarlo

Peter H. Duong
Hannah N. Foland
Alfred Gary III
Jennifer George
Alexis Gigliello
Malkijah Griffiths
Caitlin Herrington
Ebehitale Julia Imobhio
Emma Jean Jones
Lindsay Jones
Rebecca MacLeod
Onisa Martin
Jenna Adelaide Mattson
Stacey McClinsey
Malaiikha McCormick-Cisse
Wheveline Orvil
Christopher Platt
Neila Rekić
Lauren Michelle Saldutti
Tatiana Sanchez
Michael Schwartz
Seara Shahnaz Shams
Anna Stoklosa
Shelby Taylor
Ian Troidl
Lynanne Woolley

Class of 2022

Master of Science Graduate

February 2022

Jacob Bleasdale

Bachelor of Science in Public Health/ MPH Graduates

February 2022

Rachel Steeley Wenner

June 2022

Cali Armstrong

Temara Cross

Andrea Nicole Maldonado



Awards & Recognitions

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award

This award is presented to a doctoral student who shows great potential for future research and/or practice contributions to public health; the awardee is judged on academic success and the quality of their contributions in research, teaching, and service.

JACOB BLEASDALE

Drs. Sanjit and Jharna Basak Student Assistance Fund

This year's funds were used to support students taking the CHES, Certified Health Education Specialist, exam.

KAIDEN GIROUARD

HANNAH PREMO

RACHEL WENNER

ANDEE WIK

Francis V. Hanavan Memorial Fund Award

The award is presented to an MPH student in the Department of Community Health and Health Behavior who shows great potential for future contributions in public health.

TEMARA CROSS

Paul T. Wietig Community Service Award

this award is presented to Community Health and Health Behavior MPH or PhD students who exemplify accomplishment, commitment to vocation and the profession of public health and service to the community.

EBEHITALE IMOBHIO

Awards & Recognitions

SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Perry Poster Awards

These awards are given to students who excelled in their presentations during the virtual Perry Poster Day.

NATASHA ALLARD (PhD)

MAISHA RAHMAN (MPH)

Hamilton-Wilson Award

This award is given to a Black student from the Master of Social Work or Master of Public Health program to be utilized on school-related expenses. This award is to increase the representation of minority students in the fields of social work and public health.

MIKAYLA LOGAN

Delta Omega Gamma Lambda Honors Society

Membership in Delta Omega reflects the dedication of an individual to quality in the field of public health and to the protection and advancement of the health of all people. New members are elected based on high academic standards and outstanding performance in scholarship, teaching, research, and community service.

JERRY MANUEL

TATIANA SANCHEZ

EBEHITALE IMOBHIO

SUNY Chancellor's Award

A Chancellor's Award is the highest honor SUNY bestows upon its students. Award recipients are recognized for excelling in areas such as leadership, community service, campus involvement or the arts.

TEMARA CROSS

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ADDITIONAL AWARDS

(BY STUDENT RECIPIENT)

SAAD ALASIL

Climate Health Innovation Sprint—This competition is organized by the Office of Global Health Initiatives and Blackstone Launchpad; *First place winner for proposed expansion of NFTA access and routes to lower pollution and support a healthier Buffalo*

REEM BERMAN

WNY Prosperity Fellowship '21-22

Generously

supported by the Prentice Family Foundation, the Western New York Prosperity Fellowship supports University at Buffalo students who are committed to contributing to our region's economic vitality.

Blackstone Launchpad Fellowship '22

Blackstone LaunchPad is an experiential campus program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and develop entrepreneurial skills and mindsets through individualized coaching, ideation, and venture creation support.

JACOB BLEASDALE

24th Annual International AIDS Conference, International AIDS Society;

Scholarship recipient

Mark Diamond Research Fund

This scholarship is supported by the Graduate Student Association.

Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award

MALKIJAH GRIFFITHS

Henry A. Panasci Jr. Technology Entrepreneurship Competition— This competition was created by the School of Management and Office of Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships, and is supported by the endowment of late Henry A Panasci Jr. to facilitate and promote viable businesses in Western New York; *First place winner*

Publications

Aidoo-Frimpong, Gloria, Orom, H., Agbemenu, K., Morse, D. G., Collins, R. L., & Nelson, E. L. (2021). Awareness, perceptions, and willingness to use Pre-exposure Prophylaxis among US-based Ghanaian immigrants: A qualitative study. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*.

Aidoo-Frimpong, Gloria, Collins, R. L., Agbemenu K., Orom, H., Morse, D. G., & Nelson E. L. (2022). Barriers and facilitators to Pre-exposure Prophylaxis uptake among Ghanaian immigrants. *AIDS Education and Prevention*. 34(3) ahead of print.

Agbemenu, K., Mencia, J. J., de Rosa, C., **Aidoo-Frimpong, Gloria**, & Ely, G. (2022). Family planning research in African immigrant and refugee women: A scoping review. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing : Official Journal of the Transcultural Nursing Society*, 10436596211072891. Advance online publication.

Aidoo-Frimpong, Gloria, Collins, R. L., Agbemenu K., Orom, H., Morse, D. G., & Nelson E. L. Barriers and facilitators to Pre-exposure Prophylaxis uptake among Ghanaian immigrants.

Seldeen, Kenneth L.; Thiyagarajan, Ramkumar; Leiker, Merced; **Berman, Reem Nagi**; Redae, Yonas; Weiss, Carleara; Troen, Bruce. (2021). Both Vitamin D Supplementation and HIIT Boost Muscle VDR Expression, Which May Underlie Benefits for Frailty. *Innovation in Aging*, 5(1).

Publications

Bleasdale, Jacob, Morse, D.S., Cerulli, C., Hordes, M., Wilson, K., Gabriel, S.J., & Przybyla, S.M. (2022). Women's Motivators to Engage in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment While Enrolled in an Opioid Intervention Court. *Substance Use and Misuse*.

Liu, Y., **Bleasdale, Jacob**, Przybyla, S.M., Crehan Higgins, M., & Zhang, C. (2022). Racial Variations in Psychosocial Vulnerabilities Linked to Differential Poppers Use and Associated HIV-Related Outcomes among Young Men who have Sex with Men: A Study in Two U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 57(4), 560-568.

Morse, D.S., Cerulli, C., Hordes, M., El-Bassel, N., **Bleasdale, Jacob**, Wilson, K., Henry, O., & Przybyla, S.M. (2022). "I was 15 when I started doing drugs with my dad": Victimization, Social Determinants of Health, and Criminogenic Risk Among Women Opioid Intervention Court Participants. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Klasko-Foster, L.B., Wilson, K., **Bleasdale, Jacob**, Gabriel, S.J., & Przybyla S.M. (2022). "Shades of Risk": Understanding Current PrEP Users' Sexually Transmitted Infection Perceptions. *AIDS Care*, 34(3), 353-358.

Posters & Presentations

Berman, Reem. HIIT increases myonuclear accretion and progenitor cell proliferation in aged mice. UB Department of Medicine Celebration of Scholarship; 2021.

Berman, Reem. Both vitamin D supplementation and HIIT boost muscle VDR expression, which may underlie benefits of frailty. The Gerontological Society of America; 2021.

Berman, Reem. High-intensity interval training (HIIT) enhances physical and cognitive performance and overall quality of life in older Veterans. Network in Aging of WNY; 2021; *2nd place winner.*

Berman, Reem. High-intensity interval training (HIIT) enhances physical and cognitive performance and overall quality of life in older Veterans. American Geriatrics Society 2022; 2022.

Bleasdale, Jacob, Morse, G.D., Leone, L., Liu, Y., & Przybyla, S.M. HIV Care Engagement among People Living with HIV Receiving Food Assistance in the United States: A Qualitative Analysis. 24th Annual International AIDS Conference, Montreal, QC, CA, July 2022.

Bleasdale, Jacob, Morse, G.D., Leone, L., Liu, Y., & Przybyla, S.M. A Qualitative Analysis of HIV care Engagement among People Living with HIV Receiving Food Assistance During the COVID-19 pandemic. Celebration for Student Academic Excellence, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, USA, April 2022.

Bleasdale, Jacob, Crehan Higgins, M., & Przybyla, S.M. Engagement Across the HIV Care Continuum among People Living with HIV Receiving Food Assistance: A Qualitative Analysis. New York State 2021 Ending the HIV Epidemic Summit, Albany, NY, USA, December 2021.

Posters & Presentations

Bleasdale, Jacob, Przybyla, S.M., Crehan Higgins, M., & Liu, Y. Social Support and Perceived Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Stigma Among a Community Sample of Men who Have Sex with Men. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA, October 2021.

Gabriel, S.J., Wilson, K., **Bleasdale, Jacob**, & Przybyla, S.M. Assessing the Implementation of HIV Pre-Exposure (PrEP) and Post-Exposure (PEP) Prophylaxes in New York State Local Health Departments. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA, October 2021.

Bleasdale, Jacob, Przybyla, S.M., Crehan Higgins, M., & Liu, Y. Serosorting is Associated with Greater Internalized Homophobia Among a Community Sample of Young Men who Have Sex with Men (YMSM). American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA, October 2021.

Novak, Lianne; Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica; Samuel Lev; Leah Vermont; Lucia Leone. "Challenges and successes of operating a mobile market in rural communities." Presented at 2022 Public Health Partnership Conference; April 29, 2022; Niagara Falls, NY.

Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica. "Adapting food security interventions in the context of COVID-19 for the advancement of diet and health." Presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine's 43rd Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions; April 8, 2022; Baltimore, MD.

Tutasi-Lozada, Angelica. "A YMCA-based behavioral exercise intervention increases quality of life and participation among women with obesity." Presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine's 43rd Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions; April 6, 2022; Baltimore, MD.

Awarded meritorious student award and citation award



2021-2022 CHHB Graduate Student Association

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Jake Bleasdale

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Congratulations, students and graduates!

Have additions to our '2022 Celebrating Student Excellence' booklet?

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