

EEH NEWS

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Karen DeGarmo, editor

The Chair's Corner



Dear EEH colleagues, students, alumni and friends:

As the fall semester begins, I want to take this chance to both look forward to the new year and to look back on the past year's accomplishments.

Last year was a very successful one. A terrific group of students completed their degrees, with outstanding PhD dissertations, MS theses and MPH integrative projects. It is always exciting for me to see the varied and significant work that is being done by EEH students. Those students who graduated are now launched on a variety of endeavors. We are always excited to see where the EEH students go after they graduate. If you are a former student or post doc please make sure that you keep in touch!

The coming year should be an exciting one. There are a number of new initiatives that are under development. As you may know, the department has been working with the SPHHP on strategic planning, to identify how best to focus the work of EEH to maximize the benefit of our research, teaching and service to the EEH students, and faculty, and to the school, university and the wider community. You will be hearing more about the results of those discussions in the coming months.

We are very excited to welcome two new faculty members to EEH, Drs. Laura Smith and Shauna Zorich. There is more information about them below in the section on new faculty. Dr. Smith is joining us from Cornell by way of Zimbabwe where she has been doing research on food contamination and child growth and development. Some of you may already have already had the good fortune to have Dr. Zorich as your instructor for either infectious disease epidemiology or epidemiology methods courses.

I hope that you all had a good, productive and restful summer; I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive

year. As always, please be sure to let me or the other faculty and the staff know if there is any way that we can help you.

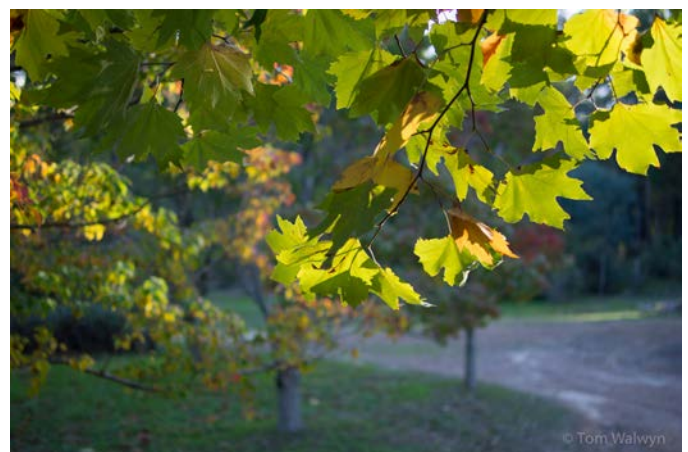
Jo Freudenheim, PhD
UB Distinguished Professor and Chair

Hello to All

Congratulations to all the students conferring this year! It was wonderful working with you all. Please keep in touch so we can brag about our student's successes.

Welcome to the incoming students. Looking forward to another academic year. Be certain to stop by if you have any questions or want to visit.

Karen DeGarmo



Note

People listed below with a two-digit year after the degree received this degree from EEH. For example, PhD '17, degree awarded in 2017.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff



Rebecca Kranz, MS, joined the department in November 2016 as executive assistant to division director Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH, Division of Health Services Policy and Practice. She brings more than 20 years of experience in secondary education (both teaching and administration) to the department.



Yan Liu, BS, started as a visiting research scholar in April 2017. She received her BS in ecology from Lanzhou University, Lanzhou City, China. Liu is currently a student in the master-doctoral combined program in genetics (expected degree conferral June 2018) at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China. She is working with

Xuefeng Ren, MD, PhD. Her research interests include molecular mechanisms of cancer metastasis, the mechanism of environmental carcinogens, and related early genetic and epigenetic markers identification.



Laura Smith, PhD, joins the department as an assistant professor, effective June 2017. The recruitment of Smith was part of a collaboration with the Center of Excellence for Global Health Equity. Before coming to Buffalo, she was a postdoctoral research associate at Cornell University where she also

received a PhD in international nutrition. Smith brings a broad range of expertise including knowledge of the epidemiology of global health, nutrition and the environment. She has been doing research in Zimbabwe on mycotoxins in foods in relation to child growth and development.

Shauna Zorich, MD, MPH '08, is joining the department as a clinical assistant professor as of August 2017. Zorich is a graduate of the UB school of medicine. She also did her medical residency in preventive medicine at UB including receiving an MPH in health services administration from EEH. In addition to her expertise in preventive medicine, Zorich has expertise in infectious disease surveillance. She will be teaching in the recently approved SPHP undergraduate degree in public health as well as teaching in the EHH graduate program including teaching the infectious disease epidemiology course this fall.

Alumni News

Sonja Pavlesen, MD, MS '14, was promoted to the rank of research assistant professor of Orthopaedics at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Youjin Wang, PhD '16, was a recipient of the Fellowship Achievement Award. The award, announced at the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics town meeting, is given to those fellows who excelled during the past year.

Faculty and Student Presentations

Jessica Cao, PhD, had a poster presented entitled, "*Life Partner Influences on Uptake of Preventive Services*" at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in New Orleans, LA in June 2017.

Zeinab Farhat, MPH, PhD student, will present a poster entitled "*Consumption of Raw Garlic and Tea: Indoor Air Pollution and Lung Cancer*" at the 29th Conference of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) on Sept. 24-28, 2017 in Sydney, Australia.

Jo Freudenheim, PhD, gave an invited talk at the American Society for Preventive Oncology meeting, "*Periodontal disease and breast cancer: Prospective cohort of postmenopausal women*" as part of the Best of Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention Special Session, in March 2017.

Laurie Grieshaber, PhD '17 (September), presented a poster entitled "*Telomere Length Genetic Risk Score is Associated with Breast Cancer Risk*" at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC in April 2017. She also presented a poster entitled "*Telomere Length Genetic Risk Score is not associated with Breast Cancer Survival*" at the American Society of Preventive Oncology Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA in March 2017.

Kasia Kordas, PhD, presented three research posters at the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition in April 2017.

Nadia Koyratty, MS, PhD student, presented a small workshop on "Systemic Review Methodology" for the Office of the Attorney General in Buffalo, NY on Nov. 18, 2016.

Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH presented at the AHA Epidemiology and Prevention Council Meeting in New Orleans, LA in November 2016. The title was "*Intensity-specific Physical Activity Measured by Accelerometer and Mortality in Women: The OPACH Study.*" He has been invited to present again at the Best of AHA Specialty Conference in November 2017.

Amy Millen, PhD, presented “*Current Evidence for a Role of Vitamin D in Age-Related Macular Degeneration*” at the University of Pittsburgh, PA in February 2017.

Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH, presented two posters entitled “*Cancer Survivorship Care in Rural Community: Patient Perspective*” and “*Cancer Survivorship Care in Rural Community: Provider Perspective*” for the ASCO Cancer Survivorship Symposium in San Diego, CA in January 2017. She also presented these posters at the SPHHP J. Warren Perry Poster Day and the UB Department of Surgery Research Meeting in May 2017.

Noyes also presented two posters entitled “*Multidisciplinary Cancer Survivorship Care in Rural Communities: Lessons Learned from Building Partnerships with Community Nurses and Care Managers*” and “*Putting Patient in the Center: Cancer Survivorship in Rural Community*” at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in New Orleans, LA in June 2017.

Raquel Velazquez-Kronen, MS, PhD candidate, presented a poster entitled “*Sleep Quality and Dietary Patterns in an Occupational Cohort of Police Officers*” at the Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting held June 20-23, 2017 in Seattle, WA.

John Violanti, PhD, presented “*The Midnight Sun: Shift Work May be Hazardous to your Health*” at the Public Employer Risk Management Association Annual Member Conference in Bolton Landing, NY on May 25-26, 2017. He presented “*Your Brain on PTSD: Effects on Police Decision Making*” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO on March 21-25, 2017.

Violanti was a panel member for “A Coordinated Approach to Wellness: First Responder Resiliency and Organizational Health” at the National Officer Safety and Wellness Meeting on Oct. 26, 2016 in Washington, DC. He also presented “Plenary Session: What Works and Matters in Policing: Safety and Wellness” at the 123rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in San Diego, CA on Oct. 15-18, 2016.

Wit Wichaidit, PhD candidate, presented a poster entitled “*Effect of a Combined Hardware and Behavior Change Intervention on Handwashing Behaviors in Primary School Children: The Povu Poa School Pilot Study*” at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA on Nov. 16, 2016.

Honors and Awards



Hailey Banack, PhD, was awarded a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Canadian Institute of Health Research. The fellowship award is for two years. Her supervisor is Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD '89.



Andrea Elmore, MS '17 (June), received the EEH SPHHP Master's level *J. Warren Perry Poster Award*, for her work entitled “*Red Blood Cell Membrane Fatty Acids and Incident Age-related Macular Degeneration in Postmenopausal Women*” at the 2017 J. Warren Perry Poster Day held April 20.



Laurie Grieshober, PhD '17 (September), received the EEH SPHHP PhD level *J. Warren Perry Poster Award* for her work entitled “*Telomere Length Genetic Risk Score is Associated with Breast Cancer Risk*” at the J. Warren Perry Poster Day held April 20.



David Jacobs, PhD candidate was awarded a National Institutes of Health Clinical Loan Repayment Program from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. This award is for a period of two years.



Kasia Kordas, PhD, was selected as a member of the Genes and Epidemiology grants review study section, the National Institutes of Health. She will begin her term July 2017.



James Poss, MD, MPH student (health services administration), was inducted into the National Veteran's Honor Society last semester.



Julia Ravenscroft, PhD, participated in the Air Quality Ideas Lab hosted by the Community for Global Health Equity in June. Her team was the recipient of \$50,000 in seed funding for the project “*Multi-Scalar Analysis of Household Fuel Transitions: Developing an Evidence-Based Framework*”



John Violanti, PhD, received the First Place Poster Award for his work entitled “*Shift Work and Fatigue among Police Officers: The BCOPS Study*” at the American Association of Occupational Nurses Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 24-27, 2017.

The following students/faculty/alumni were inducted into the Delta Omega Honor Society.

- **Neriy Izhakov**, MD, MPH '16, alumni
- **Albina Minlikeeva**, PhD '17, MPH, alumni
- **Brian Szender**, MD, MPH '16, alumni
- **Robert Coleman**, MPH '17 (June)
- **Amy Shaver**, MPH '17 (June)

Robert O'Shea Student Travel Award

- **Krysten Stoll**, MPH '17 (epidemiology)
- **Wit Wichaidit**, MS, PhD candidate

Zeinab Farhat, MPH, PhD student, received a Robert O'Shea Travel Award for presenting a poster entitled "Consumption of Raw Garlic and Tea: Indoor Air Pollution and Lung Cancer" at the 29th Conference of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology on Sept. 24-28, 2017 in Sydney, Australia.

Anushree Sharma, PhD '17 (September), MPH '10, received a Robert O'Shea Travel Award for two poster presentations entitled "Knowledge and Awareness of Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines: Findings from International Tobacco Control (Wave 9) Survey" and "Focus Groups and In-Depth Interviews to Guide the Development of Lung Cancer Screening Study Materials" at the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA in March 2017.

Raquel Velazquez-Kronen, MS, PhD candidate, received a Robert O'Shea Travel Award for her poster presentation entitled "Sleep Quality and Dietary Patterns in an Occupational Cohort of Police Officers" which she presented at the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting in June 2017.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges



The following students were elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* for the 2016-2017 academic year.

- **Allison Altman**, BS, MPH/PharmD student (health services administration)
- **Rachael Burganowski**, MS '17 (June)
- **Robert Coleman**, MPH '17 (June) (epidemiology)
- **Sarah Dascanio**, BS, MPH/PharmD student (health services administration)
- **Gauri Desai**, MPH, PhD student
- **Andrea Elmore**, MS '17 (June)
- **Zeinab Farhat**, MPH, PhD student
- **Anthony George**, BS, MS student
- **Joshua Gordon**, BA, MD/PhD student
- **Rebecca Hammett**, MPH '17 (September) (environmental health)
- **David Jacobs**, PharmD, PhD candidate
- **Raymond Luu**, BS, MPH student (epidemiology)
- **Bianca Marrara**, BS, MPH student (epidemiology)
- **Gregory Oswald**, pre-pharmacy, MPH student (health services administration)
- **James Poss**, MD, BS, MPH student (health services administration)
- **Danielle Reber**, BS, MPH student (health services administration)
- **Ben Robinson**, pre-pharmacy, MPH student (epidemiology)
- **Amy Shaver**, PharmD/MPH '17 (epidemiology)

News and Notes

Jo Freudenheim, PhD was named to the editorial board of *Current Epidemiology Reports*.

Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH, was appointed as a clinical professor of surgery and director of the Surgical Outcomes Research Center at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in October 2016 and March 2017. She was appointed as adjunct professor of Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in February 2017. She was also appointed the director, Team Science Core at the UB Clinical and Translational Science Institute this semester.

Kristina Young, MS '85, and former EEH faculty member, published *Health Care USA, Understanding its Organization and Delivery*, a text co-authored with Philip J. Kroth, MD, MS, Professor of Medicine at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque. The text was released in its ninth edition by Jones & Bartlett Publishers in February.

Research News

Matthew Bonner, PhD, MPH, received a new nine year \$11.5 million award entitled "The Tonawanda Health Study: Health Effects and Coke Oven Emissions from Tonawanda Coke" funded from the US District Court for the Western District of New York. Award period is from September 2016 until 2025. This project will conduct a prospective cohort study and a retrospective occupational cohort study in response to an airborne environmental contamination affecting several communities. Co-investigators from EEH include Lina Mu, MD, PhD, and James Olson, PhD.

Jo Freudenheim, PhD, received an award of \$100,000 from the Prevent Cancer Foundation to examine differences in DNA methylation in the lungs of non-smokers, smokers and e-cigarette users.

She also received a renewal for the training program in cancer epidemiology, "Interdisciplinary training in cancer epidemiology" for 2017-2022. This NCI grant provides close to \$1 million over five years to fund stipends and part of the tuition costs for epidemiology doctoral students who are focused on cancer epidemiology.

Kasia Kordas, PhD, received a new three year \$26,400 award entitled "Neural Correlates of APOE Genotypes in Young Adults" funded by Cardiff University, United Kingdom. The goal of this study is to understand if APOE-4 carriers show selective brain and behavioral differences (compared to non-carriers) in early adulthood that mirror the early cognitive and anatomical markers of detrimental

aging, and whether lifestyle factors may moderate these early declines.

Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH, and **Jean Wactawski-Wende**, PhD '89, are co-principal investigators of a new five year \$238,000 award from Brown University, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). This award entitled "WHISH-2-Prevent Heart Failure Study" started in August 2016. The study will evaluate whether increasing physical activity, reducing sedentary behavior and increasing muscle strength through resistance training in elderly women will reduce the risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH, received a new award from the University of Rochester/NIH for the project entitled "Telemedicine Enhanced Asthma Management through the Emergency Department (TEAM-ED)." The overall goal of this project is to use a novel telemedicine-based program to facilitate primary care follow-up and promote the delivery of guideline-based preventive care for high-risk children presenting to the ED for an asthma exacerbation.

Noyes is also PI on a new award from the University of Rochester/NHLBI, for the project entitled "School Based Telemedicine Enhanced Asthma Management (SB-TEAM)." Noyes will conduct a cost effectiveness evaluation for the study, which utilizes a novel, web-based communication system, school-based directly observed therapy of preventive medications, and ongoing monitoring and tailoring of therapy using telemedicine to facilitate guideline-based asthma care for children.

She is PI on a new award from The University of Rochester and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) for the project entitled "Virtual Rural Oncology Community (V-ROC)." This project aims to develop a region-wide stakeholder network to facilitate stakeholder involvement in comparative effectiveness and other types of outcomes research, to promote better communication, wider stakeholder representation, and ultimately, to improve the quality of regional cancer care.

Pavani Ram, MD, received a new one year award in November 2016 of \$99,000 from the United Nations Office for Project Services entitled "Learning Beyond ODF: Strengthening Evaluation of CLTS and Other Community Sanitation Programs." This project will review of current approaches to evaluating household and community effects of country Global Sanitation Fund (GSF) programs, as well as guidance in creating a stronger GSF monitoring and evaluation strategy.

Ram also received in January 2017 a new 14 month award of \$50,000 from Innovations for Poverty Action/USAID for the project entitled Kenya Soapy Water Handwashing Station Study. The project will study the changes in availability of soap and water at handwashing places and handwashing practices among student in public primary schools in Kisumu County, Kenya, before and after the provision of a redesigned handwashing system combined with behavior change intervention.

Xuefeng Ren, MD, PhD, received a new one year award from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development's Grant Resubmission Program. The funding provides support to faculty for improving already highly-rated proposals for resubmission. The award will allow Ren to collect pilot data to enhance the competitiveness of his R01 resubmission to NIH.

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD '89, received a new two year award from Brigham and Women's Hospital for the project entitled "Randomized Trial of Cocoa Flavanols and Multivitamins in the Reduction of Cardiovascular Disease and Cancer." The study will test whether the effect of a concentrated cocoa extract can help reduce heart disease and stroke and whether commonly used multivitamin supplements can help reduce the risk of cancer, particularly in older women. Participants from The Women's Health Initiative (WHI) will be randomized into the study and assigned to one of the 4 WHI Regional Centers for follow-up and outcomes documentation.

Saxon Graham Lecture

Julie Mares, PhD, MSPH, gave the 2017 Saxon Graham lecture on March 3, 2017.

Mares is a world leader in research on the role of diet and nutrition in the onset and progression of common age-related eye diseases. Her work in the nutritional epidemiology of eye disease has included the study of carotenoids, selectively concentrated in the eye, potentially a modifiable integrated risk marker for age-related eye disease, as well as for general health.

She discussed this research and the potential utility of integrated risk markers in screening for health risk to identify people who might benefit most from prevention strategies in early adulthood. In addition to a PhD in nutritional sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mares is a registered dietitian.

Her talk was entitled "*What Might Simple Measures of Eye Carotenoids Tell Us About the Health of Our Eyes and Bodies?*"

The annual lecture honors Dr. Saxon Graham, who chaired the department from 1981-1991.

Congratulations to Our February 2017 Graduates

The following students successfully completed all requirements for degree conferrals in February 2017.

PhD Epidemiology

Albina Minlikeeva, MPH, “*Prognostic Factors in Relation to Ovarian Cancer Survival*”. Committee: Jo Freudenheim, PhD, (major professor), Kirsten Moysich, PhD '97, and Kevin Eng, PhD. Albina is now working at Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a postdoctoral fellow.

MPH Health Services Administration

Leigh DiFilippo, JD, “*Childhood Lead Poisoning: Understanding its Magnitude to Recommend Future Prevention Initiatives for the City of Buffalo*.” Committee: Carl Li, MD, MPH (major professor). Leigh is working at Bennett, DiFilippo & Kurtzhaltz, LLP in East Aurora.

Yilmaz Yoruk, BS, “*An Enabling Environment for Research and Development Preparedness in Public Health Outbreak Emergencies*.” Committee: Richard Donahue, PhD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH.

Congratulations to Our June 2017 Graduates

The following students successfully completed all requirements for degree conferrals in June 2017.

MS Epidemiology

Rachael Burganowski, BS, “*A Cross-Sectional Study on the Relationship between Iron Deficiency/Intake and Cadmium Concentration of 1st Grade Children in Montevideo, Uruguay*.” Committee: Kasia Kordas, PhD, (major professor), Matthew Bonner, PhD '03, MPH, and Amy Millen, PhD.

Andrea Elmore, BS, “*Red Blood Cell Membrane Fatty Acids and Incident Age-Related Macular Degeneration in Postmenopausal Women*.” Committee: Amy Millen, PhD (major professor), Lina Mu, MD, PhD, and William Brady, PhD.

Holly Shaw, MS, “*Replication and Fine Mapping for Birthweight Loci in the 'Black Women's Health' study*.” Committee: Heather Ochs-Balcom, PhD, '04 (major

professor), Amy Millen, PhD, and Edward Ruiz-Narvaez, ScD. Holly is the lead clinical trials coordinator at Frontier Science.

MPH Epidemiology

Robert Coleman, BA “*Primary Descriptive Analysis of Zika Virus Testing in Erie County*.” Committee: Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH (major professor) and Heather Lindstrom, PhD. RJ accepted a fellowship at the Dayton Air Force Base.

Adrian Hamouda, BS, “*Gamification and Diabetes Among Erie County Residents*.” Committee: Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH (major professor) and Lina Mu, MD, PhD.

Lindsey Nowak, BS, “*Sleep Quality/Duration and Bone Mineral Density*.” Committee: Heather Ochs-Balcom, PhD '04 (major professor) and Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH.

Amy Shaver, BA, “*Antibiotic Prescribing for Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in the United States Outpatient Setting, 2010-2014*.” Committee: Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH (major professor), Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH, and David Jacobs, PharmD. Amy is finishing her Pharmacy (PharmD) degree.

Krysten Stoll, BS, “*Associations between Participant Characteristics and Odds of Questionnaire Response in a Cancer BioRepository Population*.” Committee: Kirsten Moysich, PhD '97 (major professor) and Christine Ambrosone, PhD. Krysten works at Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a data bank and biorepository coordinator.

Jocelyn Stooks, BS, “*Sickle Cell Trait Screening in D1 NCAA Athletes*.” Committee: Heather Ochs-Balcom, PhD '04 (major professor) and Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH.

MPH Environmental Health

Roseann DeVito, BS, “*Characterizing Air Pollution in Beijing, China*.” Committee: Lina Mu, MD, PhD (major professor) and Xuefeng Ren, MD, PhD.

Elizabeth Domachowske, BS, “*Respiratory Syncytial Virus and the Inflammatory Response*.” Committee: Pavani Ram, MD (major professor), Shauna Zorich, MD, MPH '08, and Joseph Domachowske, MD.

Shawn Mathew, BA “*Environmental Health Policy: Addressing Childhood Lead Exposure for Buffalo Public School District*.” Committee: Kasia Kordas, PhD (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH.

MPH Health Services Administration

Shiba Bailey, BPharm, “*High Rates of Cesarean Sections in the United States.*” Committee: Michael Noe, MD, MPH (major professor) and Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH.

Kelsey Barbour, BA, “*HELP or Harm: The over-Diagnosis of Thyroid Cancer.*” Committee: Michael Noe, MD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH. Kelsey will be working as an HCM analyst at Collaborative Solutions.

Milind Chaudhari, MBBS, PhD, “*Enhancing Patient Access to Primary Care Resident Clinic – A Quality Improvement Project.*” Committee: Michael Noe, MD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH. Milind is working at Niagara Falls Memorial as a hospitalist.

Saira Chaudhry, BS, “*The H.E.A.L Program, An Interdisciplinary Approach to Improve Treatment Outcomes for Pregnant and/or Parenting Women in Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder.*” Committee: Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH (major professor) and Michael LaMonte, PhD, MPH.

Angela Pieprzak, PharmD, “*Pharmacy Interpreting and Translation Services in the City of Buffalo.*” Committee: Gina Prescott, PharmD, (major professor) and Carl Li, MD, MPH.

Congratulations to Our September 2017 Graduates

The following students successfully completed all requirements for degree conferrals in September 2017.

PhD Epidemiology

Laurie Grieshaber, MA, “*Telomere genetics and length: Associations with breast cancer and sleep.*” Committee: Heather Ochs-Balcom, PhD '04, (major professor), Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD '89, Lina Mu, MD, PhD, and Rachael Hageman-Blair, PhD. Laurie is a postdoctoral fellow at the Huntsman Cancer Institute at University of Utah.

Anushree Sharma, MPH '10, “*Promotion of Lung Cancer Screening through a Smoking Cessation Quitline.*” Committee: Richard O'Connor, PhD (major professor), Amy Millen, PhD, Mary Reid, PhD, and Maansi Bansal-Travers, PhD '06. Anushree is starting a two year postdoctoral fellowship with MD Anderson at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

MS Epidemiology

Alexandra Grippo, BS, “*Home Environmental Exposures and Early Childhood Development.*” Committee: Lina Mu, MD, PhD (major professor), Matthew Bonner, PhD '03, MPH, Lili Tian, PhD, Erin Bell, PhD, and Edwina Yeung, PhD.

MPH Environmental Health

Rebecca Hammett, BS, “*Determining High Risk areas of Childhood Lead Poisoning in Niagara County: Evaluating SES & Exposure Risk.*” Committee: Kasia Kordas, PhD (major professor). Rebecca works at the Erie County Department of Health – Environmental Division at ECMC.

MPH Health Services Administration

Patrick Gagnon, MBA, “*Chronic Care and Actionable Registries under Value-Based Payments.*” Committee: Michael Noe, MD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH. Patrick is working now as a senior Enterprise Systems Support Analyst at Millennium Collaborative Care.

Genevieve Gibson, MSW, “*Implementation of New Patient Orientation in Primary Care.*” Committee: Michael Noe, MD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH. Genevieve is a practice manager at Neighborhood Health Center.

Nailah Sinclair, MBA, “*Autism E.A.T.S. - A Parent Training System.*” Committee: Richard Donahue, PhD, MPH (major professor) and Katia Noyes, PhD, MPH.

Welcome New EEH Students Spring 2017

The student below joined EEH last spring. Since we did not have a spring newsletter we are welcoming her now.

MPH Epidemiology

Kimberly Giacalone, BA, mathematics, University at Geneseo.

Welcome New EEH Students

Please welcome the following new students this fall.

PhD Epidemiology

Seth Frndak, BA, history, Houghton College; MA, educational psychology and quantitative methods, University at Buffalo.

Rachel Kinney, BS/MBA, electrical engineering and business, University at Buffalo; MPH, Johns Hopkins University.

Zhongzheng (Jason) Niu, BS, public health, Kunming Medical University; MS, epidemiology, Sun Yat-Sen University.

MS Epidemiology

Adam Lieberman, BS, health sciences, University at Brockport.

Connor Miller, BS, kinesiology, Michigan State University.

MPH Epidemiology

Onwaniqua Heard, BA, biology, Hamilton College.

Zaineb Khawar, BS, psychology, University at Buffalo.

Meredith Kissel, BS, biological science, University at Buffalo.

Gregory Lefancheck, BS, biomedical engineering, University at Buffalo.

Rostislav (Ross) Melnik, BA, psychology, University at Geneseo.

Mia-Cara Musetti, BS, neuroscience, Northeastern University.

Rebecca Simich, BS, biomedical engineering, University at Buffalo.

MPH Environmental Health

Corinne Abrams, BS, public health, Syracuse University.

Robert Adams, BS, biological science, University at Buffalo.

Brandon Andrews, BA, accounting and finance, Niagara University.

Leanne Marinuk, BS, public health, William Paterson University.

MPH Health Administration Services

Lloyd Abraham, BS, biological science, University at Buffalo.

Anshita Chaturvedi, MBBS, medicine, Assam Medical College.

Gregory Ciupak, BA, psychology, University at Buffalo.

Evan Kessler, BS, biology, University of Maryland; MD, medicine, Sackler School of Medicine.

John Reinier Narvaez, BS, chemistry, California State University; MD, medicine, California State University.

Zaimah Robinson, BS, biomedical science, University at Buffalo.

Quin Roussard, BS, neuropsychology, St. Lawrence University.

Lauren Slowiak, BS, biomedical science, Minnesota State University.

Arianne Train, BS, neuroscience, University of Pittsburgh; DO, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Abisha Vijayashanthar, BS, biological science, University at Buffalo. (in MPH/JD program, health services administration).

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