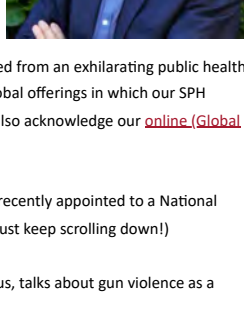


Director's Message

This month, we have the unique distinction of three different celebrations. We honor [Women's History Month](#), [Jewish Heritage Month](#), and [Disability Celebration Month](#). For each, we have picked an example of work in which our faculty and alumni have actively engaged in impactful ways. We recognize the continued importance of recognizing historical and current health disparities across population groups and the need to commit to doing more.



We also profile our renewed partnership with Hue University. Eighteen graduate and undergraduate students recently returned from an exhilarating public health study [trip to Vietnam](#) over winter break. We recognize other global offerings in which our SPH students are engaged, such as the summer [trip to Oaxaca](#). We also acknowledge our [online \(Global Campus\) Master of Public Health](#).

We are proud that adjunct faculty member [Dr. Linda Lloyd](#) was recently appointed to a National Academic of Science panel and has many awards to celebrate (just keep scrolling down!)

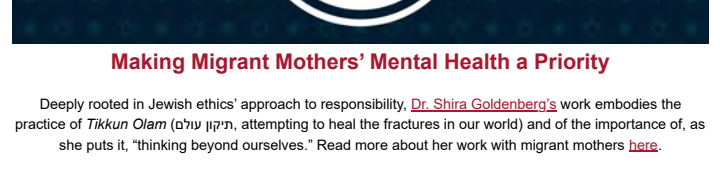
In a new edition of our podcast, [Richard Fierro](#), an SDSU alumnus, talks about gun violence as a decorated veteran.

If you are no longer at SDSU, please continue to stay in touch with us! For updates on the SPH and our events, please check our website and online calendar, our LinkedIn Alumni pages, and make sure you update your information in our alumni database: <https://publichealth.sdsu.edu/gsph-alumni/alumni-update-form/>

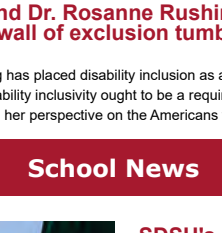
Please come join us this month at our upcoming [public health career fair](#), our various speaker series, or just pop in and say hello!

Warmly,

Eyal Oren, Ph.D., MS
Director, SDSU School of Public Health

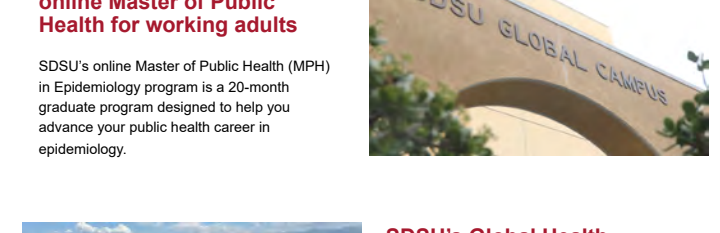


**Join us in celebrating the work of
Drs. Goldenberg and Rushing, in joint recognition of
Women's History Month,
Jewish Heritage Month,
and Disability Celebration Month!**



Making Migrant Mothers' Mental Health a Priority

Deeply rooted in Jewish ethics' approach to responsibility, [Dr. Shira Goldenberg's](#) work embodies the practice of *Tikkun Olam* (תיקון עולם), attempting to heal the fractures in our world) and of the importance of, as she puts it, "thinking beyond ourselves." Read more about her work with migrant mothers [here](#).

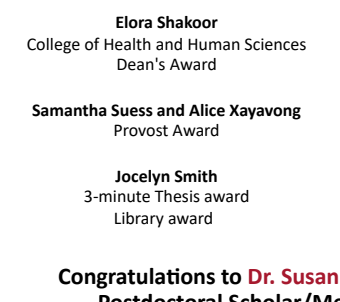


**DISABILITY
CELEBRATION
MONTH**

The path to the ADA and Dr. Rosanne Rushing's continued work to bring the wall of exclusion tumbling down

SDSU alumna Dr. Rosanne Rushing has placed disability inclusion as a cornerstone of her career, including in her advocacy with CEPH that disability inclusivity ought to be a required course for public health students. Read more about her work and her perspective on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) [here](#).

School News

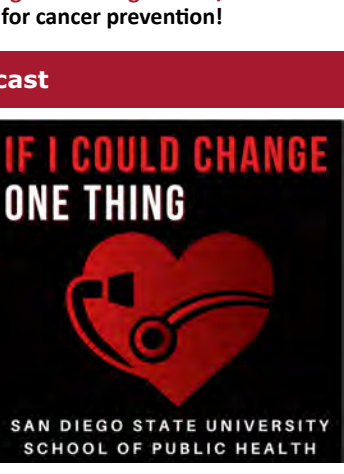


SDSU's partnership with Hue University opens doors for student and faculty engagement in Vietnam

Both universities pledged to collaborate on future programs akin to the current Global Health Management in Vietnam study-abroad course

SDSU Global Campus offers online Master of Public Health for working adults

SDSU's online Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology program is a 20-month graduate program designed to help you advance your public health career in epidemiology.



SDSU's Global Health Internship in Oaxaca delivers clinical skills, cultural lessons and empathy

Students get hands-on experience shadowing health care professionals during six-week program in Mexico. Two SPH undergraduates, [Benjamin Mosco](#) and [Sebastian Montiel](#), participated last summer.

Faculty Spotlight



SPH Faculty Appointed to NAS Forum on Microbial Threats

Adjunct faculty member, Dr. Linda Lloyd, was recently appointed to the National Academy of Sciences' Forum on Microbial Threats.

Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Guadalupe Ayala for being awarded the Albert W. Johnson University Research Lectureship!

2024 SDSU Student Symposium was the largest yet

More than 650 students shared their scholarly projects with the larger San Diego community. Six students and one faculty member from the School of Public Health were presented awards for their work.

Elora Shakoor
College of Health and Human Sciences
Dean's Award

Alana Lopez
College of Health and Human Sciences
Dean's Award

Samantha Suess and Alice Xayavong
Provost Award

Kevin Nugent
Provost Award

Jocelyn Smith
3-minute Thesis award
Library award

Kari Sant
Research Mentor Award

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Kiene for being awarded the Postdoctoral Scholar/Mentor Award for her work with postdoctoral fellow Amanda Miller!

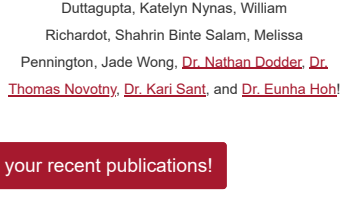
Congratulations to Danielle Campbell for being named a Bouchet Scholar!

Congratulations to Ana Mentado and Leticia Camacho for their acceptance to the University of Arizona's Student Transformative Experiences to Progress Undergraduate/Graduate Professionals (STEP-UP) for cancer prevention!

Podcast

Richard Fierro

On November 19, 2022, Rich and his family were at the scene of the Club Q mass shooting, where Rich was credited with helping subdue the gunman. For his efforts, he has received numerous awards, such as the 2023 Congressional Medal of Honor Society's - Citizen Honors Award for Valor. Additionally, Rich works with his wife, Jessica, to operate their own brewery - Atrevida - in Colorado Springs. Atrevida's motto is "Diversity, it's on tap!" and Atrevida strives to embrace diversity in everything it does.



Volunteers Needed!

Help shape public health locally and nationally, research and disseminate information, meet interesting guests, and more. Familiarity with A/V production is helpful but not necessary!

Please contact James Romine at jkromine@sdsu.edu to apply.

Events

Environmental Health LECTURE SERIES

Peyton Wilson, MPH
Environmental health consulting and leadership
Monday, March 18
2 – 3 p.m.
Shiley Bioscience Center

Dr. Philip Wages
Product safety and cosmetics
Monday, April 15
2 – 3 p.m.
Shiley Bioscience Center

Dr. Carlos Manzano
Passive air sampling and indoor air pollution in Chile
Tuesday, April 30
3 – 4 p.m.
Zoom Meeting: 853 8226 7088

Spring Speaker Series

Join the Student Council for 3 presentations highlighting various public health topics followed with Q&A sessions!

Michelle Grifka
Federal Health Budget

Thursday, March 14
noon – 1:30 p.m.
On-campus at Park Boulevard

Vicki Lowe
Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Health Care

Thursday, March 21
noon – 1:30 p.m.
Zoom

Dr. Donna Nelson
Fentanyl

Thursday, March 28
noon – 1:30 p.m.
Zoom

[RSVP here!](#)



Jumpstart your career at the Public Health Boutique Career Fair!

noon – 2 p.m.
Monday, March 25
Templo Mayor, Aztec Student Union

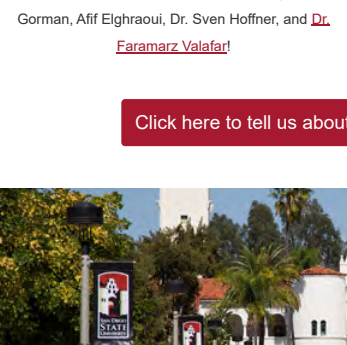
For more information, contact Olivia Wurzbach at owurzbach@sdsu.edu.

[Register Here!](#)

Join S4PH for these upcoming events!

**Public Health Futures:
Discovering Your Career Adventure in Healthcare**
Tuesday, March 19
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Templo Mayor

**Succulent Self-Care:
A Planting Party for Mind and Body**
Thursday, April 18
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Scripps Cottage



Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health

April 1-7, 2024

For 39 years, the annual Epi Exchange has provided a forum for local researchers and students to present their work, discuss novel methods, and network with their fellow public health professionals.

2024 Epidemiology Research Exchange
San Diego, California
Friday, April 12, 2024
9:00am - 3:00pm

Reading Corner

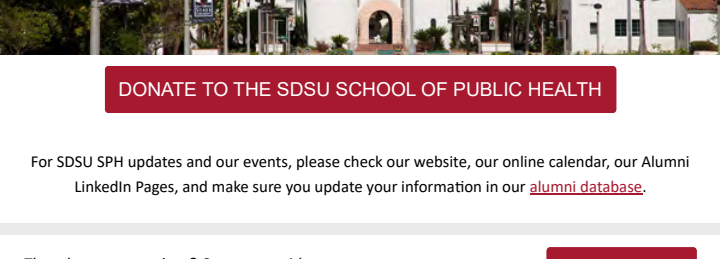
Novel and reported compensatory mutations in rpoABC genes found in drug-resistant tuberculosis outbreaks

Check out this open-access article from Derek Conkle-Gutiérrez, Sarah M. Ramirez-Busby, Bria M. Gorman, Afif Elghraoui, Dr. Sven Hoffner, and [Dr. Faramarz Valafar!](#)

Influence of tobacco product wastes in a protected coastal reserve adjacent to urbanization

Check out [this open-access article](#) from Sriramanti Duttagupta, Katelyn Nymas, William Richardot, Shahrin Binte Salam, Melissa Pennington, Jade Wong, [Dr. Nathan Dodder](#), [Dr. Thomas Novotny](#), [Dr. Kari Sant](#), and [Dr. Eunha Hoh!](#)

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Thoughts or suggestions? Contact us with any stories you would like to share!

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