



Director's Message

Wishing you a warm welcome back to a new semester at SDSU! I particularly enjoy the buzz and energy of the new academic year, with renewed promise, potential and energy that our students, staff and faculty bring to the campus.

In this newsletter issue, we highlight a lot of exciting news. We welcome [Dean Bonomi](#) to our College of Health and Human Services! We also profile two of our new faculty, who bring immense talent in health economics, policy and management. We are excited to continue to see our faculty as leaders in key research initiatives on the border and as part of the second-hand smoke consortium. We also profile an SPH student, among others, who received a highly competitive Fulbright Award. A huge congratulations goes to [Dr. Jenny Quintana](#) for receiving the SDSU Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award! This semester we also will launch our new DrPH and BSPH in Imperial Valley programs.



I encourage our SPH students and community to get engaged! We showcase amazing regional work through our award-winning podcast, "[If I Could Change One Thing](#)," in addition to our reading corner feature where we profile one of our college member's recent work.

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/>

I am grateful to our SPH community for all you do, and look forward to an exciting and fulfilling academic year!

Warmly,

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

School News



Amy Bonomi appointed Dean of SDSU's College of Health and Human Services

We welcome the new dean of the College of Health and Human Services, who held previous positions at Northern Arizona University, Michigan State University and Ohio State University. SPH is one of the six schools housed within CHHS.

Governor Newsom Announces Appointments

[Hala Madanat](#), professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Science at SDSU, has been appointed to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.



Faculty Spotlight



Welcoming Dr. Alan Card as a new Global Health, Management and Policy Assistant Professor

We are delighted to welcome [Dr. Alan Card](#) as a new faculty member in Global Health, Management and Policy assistant professor at the SPH! He's excited to join the SDSU community and looks forward to collaborating with people!

Welcoming Dr. Choi, new Global Health, Management, and Policy Assistant Professor

We are delighted to welcome [Dr. Wilton Choi](#) a new assistant professor in Global Health, Management, and Policy! Dr. Choi is excited to be working on reducing maternal health disparities and is looking for collaborators!





Congratulations to Dr. Penelope Quintana on receiving an Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award

A huge congratulations to [Dr. Penelope Quintana](#)! At this year's [convocation](#) she was awarded the College of Health and Human Services annual Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award.

Student Spotlight

SDSU lands six winners of the competitive Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards

Public health graduate student, Arianna Spata, will travel to Argentina to study postpartum impacts with the Fulbright U.S. Student Program award!



Research Spotlight



SDSU Minds in Motion | Second-Hand Smoke in Casinos, Cancer Disparities, San Diego Cyber Clinic

SDSU researchers, including associate public health professor, Neil Klepeis, investigate how life experiences change the biology of cancer patients and document harmful levels of second-hand smoke in smoke-free areas of casinos.

SDSU gets Prebys Foundation grant to study Tijuana River pollution impacts

The funding will help SPH launch an extensive study focused on health impacts of sewage runoff at the U.S.-Mexico border.



Podcast

Public Health Fellowships & SDSU School of Public Health Alumni

In this episode, we speak with Jonathan Vasquez Ramirez and Roberto Santana, two recent graduates of the SPH's undergraduate program and fellows of prestigious programs through the San Diego County Public Health Services Administration and the CDC's CureTB project.

Tune in to hear about Jonathan and Roberto's fellowships and their advice for public health students on this episode of "If I Could Change One Thing", the Health Policy Podcast of San Diego State University.



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.

Reading Corner

[A Review of the Toxicity of Ingredients in e-Cigarettes, Including Those Ingredients Having the FDA's "Generally Recognized as Safe \(GRAS\)" Regulatory Status for Use in Food](#)

Check out [this new article](#) from [Nada Kassem!](#)

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