



College of Health and Human Services  
School of Public Health



## Director's Message

A big congratulations to the Class of 2023! The weekend of May 12-13 our SPH graduating students will walk across the Viejas Arena stage (stadium of the SDSU basketball team making its recent historic run to the [NCAA championship game in Houston!](#)). Our graduating students come from a variety of backgrounds but share a passion for public health research, community and campus service, and academics. You all have a very bright future ahead of you and we are proud you are part of our SPH family!



Our college and school recognize numerous outstanding partners, alumni, faculty and students for their impressive impacts and hard work this past year. [Dr. Nathan Dodder](#) received the university's Faculty Outstanding Scholar Award for his contributions to evidence that the residue left behind by cigarette smoke is pervasive and toxic. This month's newsletter also features the [Girls Invest Project](#), a mobile-enabled economic empowerment intervention for girls ages 15-22 that has included numerous students and local communities and partners. Our [students have presented](#) at regional and national meetings including attendance at our annual California CSU undergraduate health policy conference.

We will continue with updates this summer. In the meantime, we hope the new few weeks provide a respite from the academic year and wish our graduating students great success in your public health (and other!) endeavors.

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



### **SDSU Researcher and SHFCU Partner on Economic Empowerment Program for Girls**

Self Help Federal Credit Union (SHFCU) collaborates with [Dr. Elizabeth Reed's](#) research team to provide tools for adolescent girls in the program "Girls Invest: A Mobile-Enabled Economic Empowerment Intervention for Girls."

### **Students attend the 10th Annual CSU Health Policy Conference and 14th Annual Consortium of Universities for Global Health**

SDSU undergraduates mingled with public health students from across the state in Sacramento, CA while JDP students discussed ways to build global health capacity in Washington, DC.



## **Awards**



### **2023 School of Public Health Alumni Awards**

The SPH is thrilled to name Rear Admiral (RADM) Anne Swap (Class of '90) as our 2023 Distinguished Alumni and present Linda Salgin (Class of '15) with our Inaugural Alumni Engagement Award.

## 2023 Inaugural Public Health Impact Award

We are honored to present this inaugural Public Health Impact Award to [Nick Macchione](#).



## SDSU VP Receives San Diego County's Public Health Champion Award

[Hala Madanat](#) recognized for exemplary contributions promoting health in San Diego.

## Faculty Outstanding Scholar Award: Nathan Dodder

Nine individuals across colleges and disciplines were selected for their scholarship, creative activities, innovation and public impact. Among them was our own Environmental Health adjunct associate professor, [Nathan Dodder](#).



## Faculty and Student Awards

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!

Check out all of [this year's awardees!](#)

### Faculty

Emily Schmied  
Golden Apple Award

Hector Lemus  
Excellence in Teaching Award

### Undergraduate

Sandhya Muthuramalingam  
SPH Outstanding Undergraduate

Cleo Chan  
CHHS Outstanding Undergraduate

### Graduate

Carrie Nacht  
Outstanding CHHS Graduate Student

Hannah Ernestina Gonzalez-Marks  
Hanlon Outstanding Student Award

**Isabelle Arguilez**  
Outstanding Student Award

**Nasim Kasiri**  
Outstanding Student Award

**Christine Cho**  
Outstanding Student Award

**Elise Sevy**  
HMP AMI Award for Outstanding Performance

**Sydney Steinbeck**  
HMP AMI Award for Service

**Tanya Ochoa-Cipes**  
HMP AMI Award for Service

**Florence Lo**  
HMP AMI Award for Service

## Podcast

### **Dr. Harlan Krumholz**

How can we reduce preventable deaths on a population level? What are health outcomes research, precision population health, and big data; and how can we utilize these to improve the public's health? What do we hope to learn from the Yale Paxlovid for Long COVID Trial, and how will the findings improve patients' lives in real-time? How much of a problem is health misinformation and what can we do to reduce it? We discuss these topics and more with Dr. Harlan Krumholz, Professor and Director of the Yale Center for Outcomes Research & Evaluation (CORE).



### **Fall 2023 Volunteers Needed!**

Help shape public health locally and nationally, research and disseminate information, meet interesting guests, and more. Familiarity with A/V production helpful but not necessary! Please contact Jenny Munday, Ph.D. MPH at [jumday@sdsu.edu](mailto:jumday@sdsu.edu).



## Events

**SDSU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
FACULTY RESEARCH TALK SERIES**



**Dr. Shira Goldenberg**

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**Please join us for our final SPH Faculty Research Talk Series of Spring 2023**

**When:** Friday, May 12 at 12:15-1:15 p.m.

**Where:** [Zoom](#) and SH-101

**Pizza will be provided!**

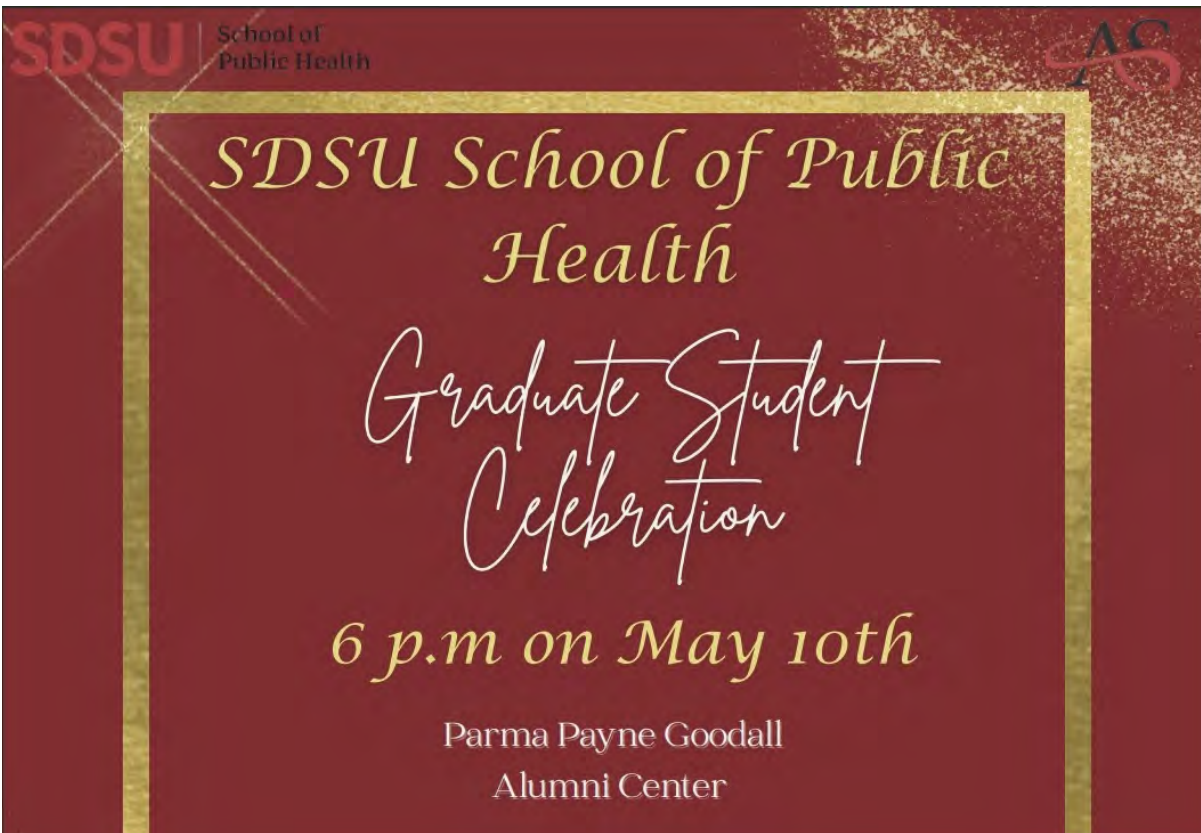
This month's talk will feature **Dr. Shira Goldenberg**, Assistant Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, who will present:

***"Impact of asylum deterrence policies on the health and human rights of asylum-seeking pregnant and postpartum women at the Mexico-U.S. border."***

[RSVP Here!](#)

## Graduation!

**Graduating students, join us in celebrating your accomplishments!**



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# Public Health Graduation Celebration

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023!**

Join the BSPH class of 2023, faculty, and staff for a graduation celebration. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

May 9, 2023, 3-5pm  
Lake Murray Community Park  
[7001 Murray Park Drive San Diego, CA 92119](#)

Bring your own blanket/chair!  
Light refreshments will be served.

[RSVP Here!](#)

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