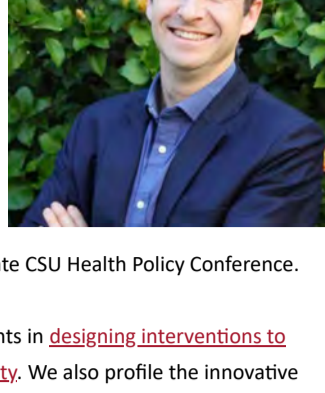


Director's Message

This month we celebrate [Southwest Asian and North African \(SWANA\) Heritage Month at SDSU](#). In recognizing this month, we seek to increase awareness about the history, cultures, experiences, contributions, and resiliency of the SWANA community as exemplified in the work of our [MPH student Salma Iraqi](#).



This has also been a busy busy time for SPH, with our first ever [Public Health Boutique Career Fair](#), an SPH-hosted DEI symposium on cancer health disparities, and our annual jointly hosted epidemiology research exchange as well as undergraduate CSU Health Policy Conference.

This month we profile wonderful work from our doctoral students in [designing interventions to reduce tobacco use among youth experiencing housing instability](#). We also profile the innovative work carried out locally to [help guide African immigrants around nutrition pitfalls in the U.S. food landscape](#).

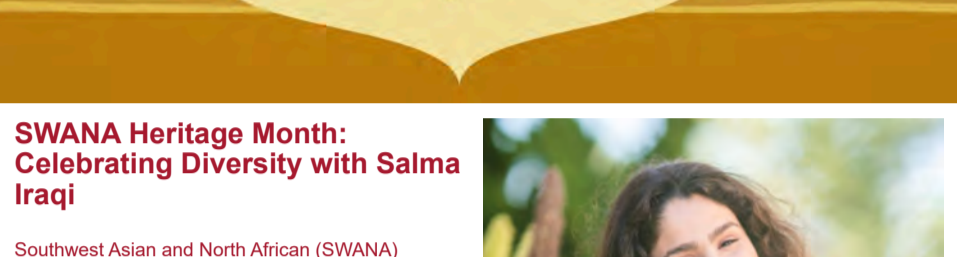
In a new edition of our podcast, [Dr. Rebecca De Souza](#), expert on the political-economics on food-access, health, and social well-being, discusses food insecurity in the United States.

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/>

We now move towards the latter part of our semester and hope you can join us in one of many graduation celebrations!

Warmly,

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



SWANA Heritage Month: Celebrating Diversity with Salma Iraqi



[Southwest Asian and North African \(SWANA\) Heritage Month](#) is celebrated in tandem with the recently established Arab American Heritage Month in April. This time is meant to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of cultures, languages, religious traditions and ethnicities from this region of the world.

School News



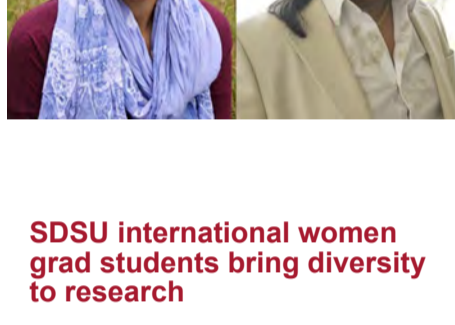
Jumpstarting Careers: SPH Partners with Public Health Employers

The [Public Health Boutique Career Fair](#) and a week of [CDC](#) programming sandwiched [National Public Health Week](#).

Student Spotlight

Not Your Typical Tobacco Research Project: TobExA, a Community-Academic Partnership

The Tobacco Harm Reduction through Expressive Arts (TobExA) will partner with youth experiencing homelessness as co-collaborators to design a novel intervention to promote resilience as they reduce their tobacco use.



SDSU international women grad students bring diversity to research

Zimbabwe native [Nicole Karongo](#) studies ways to improve nutrition for African immigrants trying to navigate the unfamiliar U.S. food landscape.

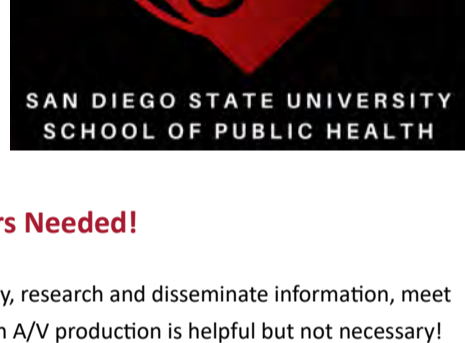


Podcast

Dr. Rebecca De Souza

Food insecurity is a major problem in the United States. How do public institutions such as food pantries and federal assistance programs relieve or exacerbate this problem?

In what ways do food-insecure individuals experience stigma, and how do political-economic ideologies perpetuate that stigma? We discuss these questions and more with Dr. Rebecca de Souza, expert on the political-economics on food-access, health, and social well-being.



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

School of Public Health Class of 2024 Graduation Celebration



Join us for the Class of 2024 MPH Graduation Celebration

Friday, May 10
6 - 9 p.m.

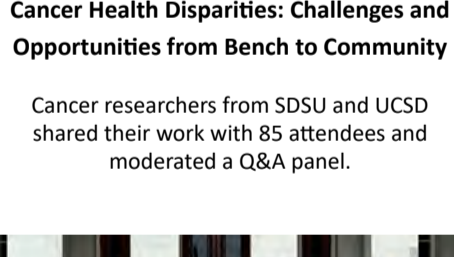
The Courtyard in the Student Union

RSVP by Sunday, April 28

In recognition of [World Chagas Day](#), San Diego County made Chagas a reportable disease. This is the result of a huge effort by [Dr. Stigler Granados](#) and San Diego County to bring awareness and increase screening locally for this neglected disease. Check out [the County's new website](#) for more information.



Check out these photos from some of our events over the last month!



2024 Epidemiology Research Exchange

Students, faculty, and local professionals presented their current research at the 39th Annual "Epi Exchange."



SPH/CHHS DEI Symposium

Cancer researchers from SDSU and UCSD shared their work with 85 attendees and moderated a Q&A panel.



CSU Health Policy Conference

Undergraduate students attended the 11th Annual California State University Health Policy Conference in Sacramento, California.

Career Corner

Job Opportunity School of Public Health Communications Lead

- Writing the SPH Newsletter
- Conduct Interviews
- Design Newsletter
- Curate Incoming Leads

Job Opportunity School of Public Health Social Media Specialist and Administrative Support

- Manage Instagram and X
- Graphic Design
- Event Advertisement
- Additional administrative support as needed for SPH

The School of Public Health is seeking a new Journalist and Communications Lead to help with the school newsletter.

The School of Public Health is seeking a new Social Media Specialist and Administrative Support to help with the SPH Social Media.

The role starts Summer 2024, up for renewal each academic term. Need to be available for training in May.

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Reading Corner

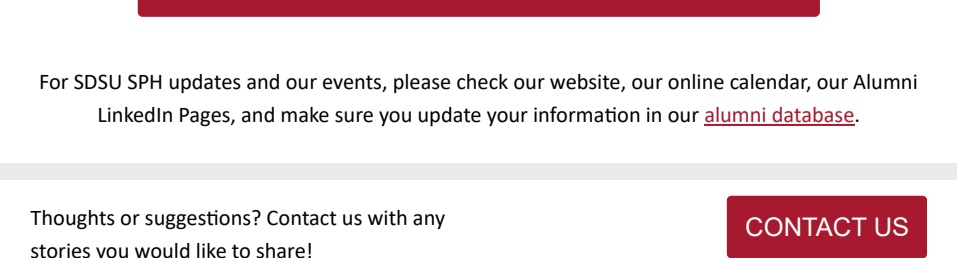
How Intimate Partner Violence Is Influenced by Social Identity Among Sexual Minority Men

Check out [this new article](#) from [Owen Jessup](#), [Carrie Nacht](#), [Hannah Reynolds](#), [Jennifer Felner](#), [Sandhya Muthuramalingam](#), and [Erik Storholm](#)!

Structural Inequities, Syndemics, and Resilience: The Critical Role of Social Support in Overcoming Barriers and Empowering Engagement in HIV Care for Young Black Sexual-Minority Men in the US South

Check out [this new article](#) from [Erik Storholm](#)!

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For SDSU SPH updates and our events, please check our website, our online calendar, our Alumni LinkedIn Pages, and make sure you update your information in our [alumni database](#).

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

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