



Director's Message

Yes, it's that time to get out and vote! In California, check your voter registration status and register to vote on the [My Voter Status website](#). In addition, the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is presenting an upcoming webinar, [The Importance of Voting and Countering Misinformation in Public Health](#), on October 15, 2024, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST. This event will explore how civic engagement impacts health outcomes and will address strategies for combating misinformation and disinformation during election cycles.



This month, we profile our new Doctor in Public Health (DrPH) faculty director [Dr. Jan-Walter de Neve](#). We also are excited to showcase doctoral student [Lucia Canul's](#) achievements as a Sadler Scholar.

In addition, we include a story where [Dr. McDaniels-Davidson](#) explores the decision-making process, perceived benefits, and risks of cannabis use to address symptoms in adults with cancer. And with a drumroll, Dr. Ayala also secured \$22 million in renewed funding as co-lead for the San Diego State University [HealthLINK Center](#), congratulations!

In our award-winning [podcast](#), James Romine speaks with Alzheimer's prevention advocate Dr. Phyllis Ferrell about her work with the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative—a global health organization dedicated to transforming Alzheimer's research, prevention, and care worldwide.

Please see the many events noted in our newsletter, including the upcoming [APHA social!](#)

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](#).

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower" - Albert Camus

Warmly,

Eyal Oren, Ph.D, MS

Director, SDSU School of Public Health

Faculty Spotlight



Welcoming Dr. Jan-Walter De Neve, the new Doctor of Public Health program director

We are excited to welcome [Dr. Jan-Walter De Neve](#)! He is the program director for our new Doctor of Public Health program and a Global Health Management and Policy professor.

Student Spotlight

JDP Student Lucia Canul selected as a Sadler Scholar

We would like to congratulate Lucia Canul, third year student in the Joint Doctoral Program studying Global Health, for being selected as a Sadler Scholar!



School News



SDSU HealthLINK Center secures \$22M NIH award

This award will fund the HealthLINK center until March 2029 with research projects working to address the well-being of the most underrepresented populations in the region.

Research Spotlight

Cancer and Cannabis Use: Why a patient's perception matters

SDSU researcher [Corinne McDaniels-Davidson](#) led a study around the need for better communication with cannabis being used to treat the side-effects of cancer treatments.



Podcast

TUNE IN

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING
HOSTED BY JAMES ROMINE PODCAST

SEASON NINE | EPISODE ONE



Dr. Phyllis Ferrell
Alzheimer's Prevention Advocate
& Advisor for the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative

Season 9, Episode 1

In this episode, James Romine speaks with Alzheimer's prevention advocate Dr. Phyllis Ferrell about her work with the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative—a global health organization dedicated to transforming Alzheimer's research, prevention, and care worldwide.

Tune-in to hear about why Alzheimer's preparedness is so important and the many connections between Alzheimer's and Public Health policy, 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.

Awards

Instructional Related Activity Funding Awardees

Dr. Benjamin Aceves

Connecting Latino Health Course to Service

Dr. Zohir Chowdhury

Undergraduate student training in air quality monitoring in Imperial County

Dr. Haley Ciborowski

Cross-border Student International Field Service Experience (VIIDAI)

Dr. Jennifer Felner

Annual CSU Health Policy Trip to Sacramento, CA

Dr. Charles Matthews

DrPH: Leadership Assessment for PH 901

Dr. Eyal Oren

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

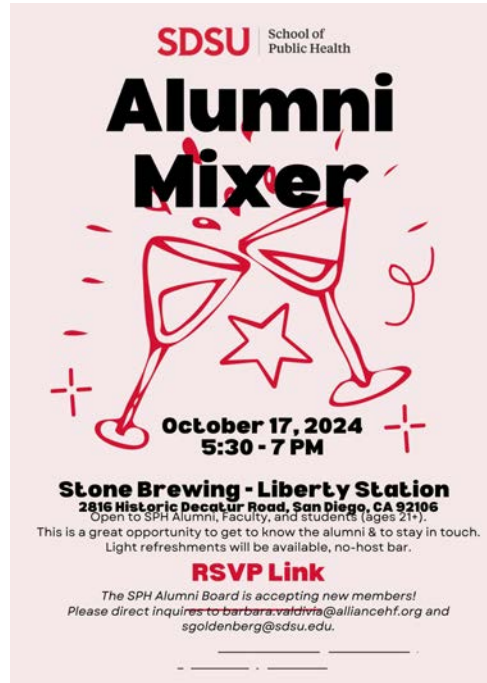
Dr. Paula Stigler Granados

Water Quality Laboratory and Field Trainings for Public Health

Events

SDSU SPH Alumni Mixer

There will be a SPH Alumni mixer on October 17th! The SPH invites all SPH Alumni, Faculty and students (ages 21+). This is a good opportunity for people to stay in touch with the SPH alumni and get to know them better. Light refreshments will be available and if you are interested in attending, you can [RSVP!](#)



SDSU | School of Public Health

Alumni Mixer

October 17, 2024
5:30 - 7 PM

Stone Brewing - Liberty Station
2816 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, CA 92106
Open to SPH Alumni, Faculty, and students (ages 21+).

This is a great opportunity to get to know the alumni & to stay in touch. Light refreshments will be available, no-host bar.

RSVP Link

The SPH Alumni Board is accepting new members!
Please direct inquiries to barbara.valdivia@alliancehf.org and sgoldenberg@sdsu.edu.



California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education at UC Riverside

On October 19th, UC Riverside will host the next California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education. This forum will include resources for graduate opportunities, workshops, recruitment fairs, and other activities!

APHA Social

The APHA Annual Meeting is coming up on October 28th! The SPH invites all SPH Alumni, students and faculty to attend. What a great opportunity to connect with the SPH community! If you are planning to attend this event you can [RSVP!](#)



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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR
SPH SOCIAL
AT THE
APHA ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
6 PM - 8 PM

MOTHER CLUCKER'S PIZZA
1428 NICOLLET AVE.,
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

OPEN TO SPH ALUMNI, STUDENTS, AND FACULTY

RSVP LINK

JOIN A PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM ON
HEALING & ADVOCACY
 IN RESPONSE TO THE TIJUANA WATERSHED POLLUTION CRISIS



Learn from Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who helped combat the Flint Water Crisis and Imperial Beach Mayor, Paloma Aguirre, who continues to be a champion to frontline communities impacted by the Tijuana Watershed Pollution Crisis.

**SATURDAY
 OCT 5** | **Doors Open at
 9:00AM**

9:30 - 11:30AM | MENDOZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 2050 CORONADO AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154
 Moderated discussion with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Mayor Aguirre

12:00-2:00PM | MENDOZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 2050 CORONADO AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154
 Lunch, Advocacy Art Build, and Well-Being Activities

4:00-6:00PM | BALBOA PARK, WORLD DESIGN CAPITOL EXCHANGE | OUTSIDE SAN DIEGO ART MUSEUM
 Forum on transboundary green infrastructure and nature-based solutions

*Spanish interpretation available throughout the day.
 **No cost to attend. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

[RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE](#)



THE BORDER POLLUTION CRISIS IS COMPOSED OF MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. FOR A FULL LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:



Public Health Forum on Healing and Advocacy in Response to the Tijuana Watershed Pollution Crisis

On October 5th there will be a Public Health Forum on Healing and Avocacy in Response to the Tijuana Watershed Pollution Crisis. It will feature Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and the Imperial Beach Mayor, Paloma Aguirre. If you are interested in attending this forum you can [RSVP!](#)

Reading Corner

Qualitative Study of Multilevel Barriers and Facilitators Associated With Physical Activity and Diet Among Long-haul Truck Drivers

Check out [this new article](#) from [Dr. Noe Crespo](#) and [Dr. Jerel Calzo](#)!

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

Check out [this new article](#) from Owen Jessup MPH and other members from the SPH!

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