



Director's Message

And that's a wrap! As our semester comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to wish our public health students good luck as you all begin finals week, and hope your exams go well. This is also a good reminder that if you are feeling anxious or overwhelmed, please visit [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) to find the support and resources you need to succeed!

Congratulations to those students graduating this semester. We are also grateful for all the remarkable achievements in our community, many highlighted below. With both depth and breadth of expertise in teaching, research, and service, our school continues to reach new heights. Our admissions season is now beginning and if you are interested in or know of others who would like to further their public health education, please take a look at our many [academic programs!](#)

We are wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and the coming new year. See you in 2023!

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Director, SDSU School of Public Health



FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS New SDSU FUERTE Faculty Address Latinx Health Disparities

A cluster of Latinx health researchers is joining the San Diego State University faculty this year, adding to a robust and growing nexus of expertise on health disparities.



UNIVERSITY NEWS SDSU, San Diego County Health Form a New Academic Health Department

San Diego State University and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSAA) have announced the creation of a new Academic Health and Human Services Department, The Live Well Center for Innovation and Leadership.



SPH RESEARCH Finding The Toxic 'Needle In a Haystack'

Dr. Eunha Hoh is a treasure-hunting scientist. But she's not looking for gold. Instead, she pans for extremely rare and nearly invisible toxic chemicals—the forgotten leftovers from everyday items.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT SPH Congratulates Presidential Graduate Research Fellows

Six SPH doctoral students have been awarded the Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship. This is a university-wide competition designed to recruit exceptional graduate students who demonstrate outstanding potential for achievement in research. Doreen Tuhewe (left) and Jyotana Negi (right) are two of the six fellows for this academic year.



IN THE NEWS SDSU Researchers Working To Tackle Health Disparities

Public health professor Penelope "Jenny" Quintana's work with [Casa Familiar](#) was featured in the 2022 edition of Highlights: A Magazine of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities at SDSU.



FACULTY HONORS Presidential Research Fellows Honored for Advancing Their Fields

SPH's Noe Crespo was honored for his contribution to the field. Crespo's vast research portfolio focuses on estimating health disparities among vulnerable and underserved populations, locally, nationally, and globally to address many of the U.S. Healthy People 2030 objectives.



APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo is designed to strengthen the profession of public health, share the latest research and information, promote best practices and advocate for public health issues and policies grounded in research.

Several School of Public Health Students and Faculty presented their research via poster sessions and oral lectures. Additionally, the SPH was an official exhibitor, promoting our many various [accredited degree programs](#) to conference goers.

Dr. Emily Schmied comments, "APHA was particularly meaningful this year, as it was the first year I was able to present collaboratively with several of our current and former SPH students (Congrats to Ryann Kipping, Eamonn Hartmann, & Nicole Pippard)! Nothing beats seeing our students earn recognition for their stellar work."

New Podcast Episode



Journalist Lauren Weber

Investigative journalism and accountability reporting shed new light on public health issues especially in responding to a pandemic. We delve into one journalist's work uncovering new insights into the fragile public health infrastructure as well as the issue of health equity.

Publications

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The SDSU Institute for Public Health is recruiting an Associate Director of Public Health Practice & Community Engagement. This is a joint position with Scripps Research Translational Institute and Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute. The position will be responsible for the public health practice portfolio of the SDSU Institute for Public Health and Community Engagement activities at Scripps.

The SPH Alumni Board is searching for new members to participate in alumni engagement events and initiatives for the SPH. To learn more, please contact Dr. Emily Schmied at eschmied@sdSU.edu. Alumni, to update your contact information, please go here: [Alumni Updates](#)

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