SPHHS ALL-SCHOOL MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Campus Center, Amherst Room
WELCOME
Some Long-term Goals for the SPHHS

- Education
  - Increase and Improve PhD programs
  - New Educational Initiatives and Areas of Expansion

- Research
  - Identify Areas Where the SPHHS is Unique
    - Health Equity
    - Healthy Aging/Successful Aging

- New Building
Increase SPHHS Visibility

- On-Campus
  - Sponsor High-Visibility Events
  - Research Success
  - Leadership Roles
- Statewide
  - High-Visibility Projects (Gambling Grant)
- Nationally
  - Leadership Roles and Academic Awards
  - Sponsor Conferences
  - Research Success and Strong Doctoral Programs
  - Produce Promotional Materials
HOW FAR HAS THE SPHHS COME?
STUDENT SUCCESS
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DIVERSITY OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY

ALANA-MINORITY (%)

Calendar Year (Fall)

2009

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UMass Amherst
School of Public Health & Health Sciences
• Recent alumnae **Durga Kolla (Environmental Health Sciences ‘18)** and **Niamh Mulrooney (Public Health Sciences ‘17)** receive Fulbright awards. Undergraduate **Jessica Furtado (Public Health Sciences ‘18)** named “21st Century Leader.”
• Doctoral student **Carl Jewell (Kinesiology)** receives De Luca Foundation $13,000 research scholarship. Doctoral student **Monika Roy (Environmental Health Sciences)** wins “3-Minute Thesis” UMass Graduate School competition.
FACULTY SUCCESS
Faculty Numbers

Calendar Year (Fall)

Total Full-Time Faculty Headcount

2009: 55
2010: 59
2011: 62
2012: 66
2013: 74
2014: 74
2015: 78
2016: 77
2017: 80
2018: 85
SPHHS Total Expenditures Sponsored Activity FY09-FY18

- SPHHS 119% increase from FY09-FY18
FY18 Faculty Awards Highlights

Lisa Wexler, Associate Professor, Community Health Education
- $3,401,063 R01 award from the National Institutes of Health, Promoting community conversations about research to end native youth suicide in rural Alaska (2018-2023)

Mark Miller, Assistant Professor, Kinesiology
- $2,442,702 R01 award from the National Institutes of Health, Sex-specific adaptation to different resistance exercise programs in older adults (2017-2022)
FY18 Faculty Awards Highlights

Rick Pilsner, Associate Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

• $2,364,875 R01 award (NIH), Male preconception phthalates and offspring embryo and sperm allele-specific methylome programming (2017-2022)

Alicia Timme-Laragy, Associate Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

• $1,929,114 R01 award (NIH), Toxicant disruption of receptor-mediated endocytosis in oogenesis and later life metabolic dysfunction (2017-2022)
FY19 Off to a Great Start!

Rick Pilsner, Associate Professor, Environmental Health Sciences
- $2.7 million award (NIH), Paternal preconception phthalates and reproductive health - potential mediation through sperm DNA methylation (2018-2023)

Mary Andrianopoulos, Associate Professor, Communication Disorders
- $1.25 million award (DOE), Interdisciplinary Preparation of Related-Service Professionals in Evidence-Based Practices: High-Risk Students/Families and Remote Technologies (iPREP-RT) (2019-2023)

Sara Mamo, Assistant Professor, Communication Disorders
- $745,129 K award (NIH), Speech understanding ability and communication intervention for persons with age-related hearing loss and mild cognitive impairment or dementia (2018-2023)

Lisa Chasan-Taber, Professor, Epidemiology
- $431,392 award (NIH), Update and Novel Validation of the Pregnancy Physical Activity Questionnaire (PPAQ) (2018-2020)

Jane Kent, Professor, Kinesiology
- $374,188 award (NIH), Mechanical Disruption of Force Transmission by Adipose Tissue in Human Skeletal Muscle (2018-2020)
FY18 Award Percentage (of dollar amount) by Department

- COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: 3%
- KINESIOLOGY: 13%
- NUTRITION: 13%
- NUTRITION EXTENSION: 0%
- BIOSTATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY: 25%
- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES: 14%
- HEALTH PROMOTION & POLICY: 32%
FACILITIES
Facility Improvements: Arnold House
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Facility Improvements: Goessmann
Facility Improvements: Totman
EVENTS & OUTREACH
SPHHS Ice Cream Social

- September 16, 2018
- Over 400 attendees
3rd Western MA Health Equity Summit

- September 14, 2018
- Over 300 attendees
- Advancing health equity in the region
SPHHS Dean’s Symposium Series

• November 1, 2018 – Universal Access to Health Promotion

• April 4, 2019 – Suicide Prevention

• April 2019 – Opioids with Mass. Health Policy Forum at Brandeis
2019 SPHHS Career Networking & Workforce Development Conference

- Wed-Thur, March 20-21, 2019

- Please include release from class on your spring syllabi

- Department input wanted on programming and vendor recruitment
Recognition of Service to UMass Amherst

20 years
Lisa Chasan-Taber

30 years
Martha Zorn

Retirements
David Buchanan
Alayne Ronnenberg
Welcome New Department Chairs

Liz Bertone-Johnson  
• Health Promotion & Policy  
  (Interim Chair)

Elena Carbone  
• Nutrition

Lisa Chasan-Taber  
• Biostatistics & Epidemiology
Chi Hyun Lee  
• Assistant Professor, Biostatistics

Andrew Lover  
• Assistant Professor, Epidemiology

Youssef Oulhote  
• Assistant Professor, Epidemiology
New Faculty

Megan Gross
• Assistant Professor, Communication Disorders

Jay Gump
• Senior Lecturer, Kinesiology

Gwenael Layec
• Assistant Professor, Kinesiology
New Faculty

Airin D. Martinez  
• Assistant Professor, Health Policy & Management

Luis Valdez  
• Assistant Professor, Community Health Education

John Zeber  
• Associate Professor, Health Policy & Management
New Faculty (January 2019)

Sarah Goff
• Associate Professor,
  Health Policy & Management
New Departmental Staff

**Kinesiology**
Leeanne Leclerc
Academic Advisor

**Public Health Sciences**
Brigid Williams
Academic Advisor

**Kinesiology**
Meredith Kern
Administrative Assistant
New SPHHS Staff

Mike McAllister
Clerk
Business Center
Personnel
New SPHHS Staff

Karen Lovely
Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean for Research
Research Administration

Tessa Stuart
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
Research Administration
New SPHHS Staff

Darlene Reina
Technical Assistant 2
Information Technology

Amanda Zwirn
Assistant Director of
External Relations
Academic Highlights
HAVE WE COME A LONG WAY?
YES!

IS THERE GREAT POTENTIAL FOR CONTINUED GROWTH?
YES!
WELCOME

and

THANK YOU ALL!