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School of Public Health



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News & Updates



Dr. Richard Brown was appointed to represent SOPH faculty at VCU's University Council. Read more about the Council [here](#).

Call for proposals

The [VCU Libraries Social Welfare History Project](#) is seeking proposals for articles related to the intersections of public health and social welfare. Open to all, including graduate students!

- Proposals should be 1 to 3 paragraphs in length; final articles will be between 2,500 to 5,500 words in length.
- Articles are well-researched and scholarly in nature, but should be useful to and understood by a wide range of undergraduate and graduate students. Articles might provide a broad overview of a topic, or they might discuss a particular topic in more depth. Examples can be viewed [here](#).
- Authors retain copyright and will receive an honorarium, as well as a VCU Publishing Research Award that can be indicated on their CV.
- Proposals can be submitted via email to LibSWHP@vcu.edu.
- There is no deadline for proposals.

New registration process for scoping reviews

Information provided by Dr. Richard Brown:

Systematic reviews now require authors to follow Prisma guidelines and it is recommended to register the review in Prospero. As I was working on a scoping review with Ghader, we connected with Samantha Guss who informed us about a registration system, similar to Prospero, but for scoping reviews. The registration process is through the Center for Open Science (OSF). The registration process is simple and fast. Once registered you will receive a registration number that you can add to your scoping review paper much like a Prospero registration number.

More information at: https://osf.io/registries?view_only=. Reach out to Dr. Brown or Samantha Guss with questions.

Awards & Honors

- Dra. Dina Garcia has been selected as a professional member of the inaugural Public Health Academy for the National Academies of Practice (<https://www.nappractice.org/>).
- Dr. Sunny Kim received funding as PI through the Center for Research in Health and Social Justice (CRHS) funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities for "mHealth communications to support self-management of pain and quality of life in cancer survivors."
- Dr. Jessica LaRose received the 2024 Outstanding Mentor Award for the Young Adult SIG of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition & Physical Activity.

Student Spotlight



Congratulations, Nixon!

Nixon Araúz successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Aquí Entre Nos Study": An Exploratory Study of Racial Disparities in Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Uptake among Black Hispanic/Latino (H/L) Men: Insights into Vaccine Behaviors, Vaccine Information-Seeking Behaviors, Communication Preferences, and Tailored Messaging

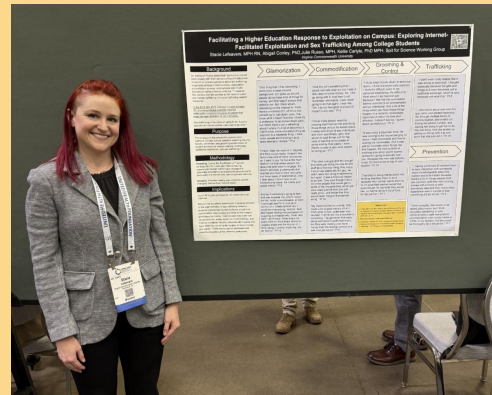


Fariha Tariq published a first-author paper in the *Journal of Rural Health*: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jrh.12897>



Malik Phillips and Fariha Tariq published work in *Clinical Breast Cancer*. [https://www.clinical-breast-cancer.com/article/S1526-8209\(24\)00231-3/fulltext](https://www.clinical-breast-cancer.com/article/S1526-8209(24)00231-3/fulltext)

Stacie Lefeavers presented a poster at the APHA annual meeting in Minneapolis.



Julie Russo was named an APHS/Stata Scholar Finalist by the Applied Public Health Statistics Section at the APHA annual meeting in Minneapolis.



Research Wins



Dr. Jessica LaRose is MPI alongside Drs. Bernard Fuemmeler and Brynn Sheehan on the new Virginia Advancing Cancer Control Equity Research Through Transformative Solutions (VA-ACCERT) Center, which aims to improve health promotion and cancer prevention services for those living in income-based housing in the Greater Richmond area.

[Read more](#)

Alumni Updates

Jean Reading (SBS '22) started as tenure track Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at University of Illinois Chicago.



Kristal Lyn Brown (SBS '20) ran the Rocky Run 5K for the first time!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 15th 4:00-5:00pm

Clinical Research Town Hall with Mary Harmon and Shelly Orr
Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research/VCU Health

[Register here](#)

Saturday, January 25 4:00-6:00pm

VCU Health 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Community Walk

Children's Hospital of Richmond

More info [here](#)

Thursday, January 30th 12:00-1:00pm

Hispanic Coalition of Healthcare Academic (HCHS) Mezcla (Mixer)

MMEC 3-101

[Register here](#)

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