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## DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## FACULTY DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Wishing all of you a very Happy Holiday season!

The School of Medicine Office of Community Engagement ends the year with tremendous gratitude for our community and hope for 2021. Our community partners worked tirelessly this year addressing all the challenges that 2020 brought us – a global pandemic, a much needed racial reckoning, and devastating wildfires to name a few! We are humbled by the amazing work in our community. These painful experiences brought us closer together as a team and closer to our community partners. We are hopeful for all that is to come in 2021. Let us

continue to support one another so we continue to grow and learn. Follow us on our journey for a brighter tomorrow. May the New Year bring us all patience, peace, health, joy, and hope...

Please watch [What We're Made of | Stanford Medicine](#)

In Community,

[Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH](#)

## WELCOME



Please join us in a long overdue welcome to Hector Romero, MS-HCA (L) and Patricia Rodriguez Espinosa, PhD, MPH (R) who joined our team over the summer!

As Research Coordinator, Hector's past research experience aids us in the planning and implementation of research protocols on OCE projects and initiatives under the direction of Drs. Goldman Rosas, Chen, and Rodriguez Espinosa.

As Associate Director of Research, Dr. Rodriguez Espinosa brings extensive research experience, training, and expertise in Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR), particularly in the area of minority health and health equity among racial/ethnic minority groups in the US and Latinxs.



### SPECIAL LITTLE WELCOME

To baby Ellis Sage, born on December 1st, to Dr. Wei-ting Chen, Assoc. Director of Community Partnerships.

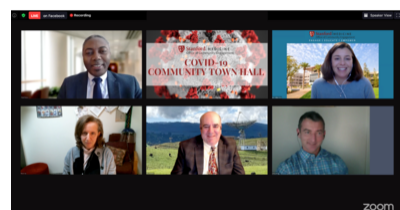
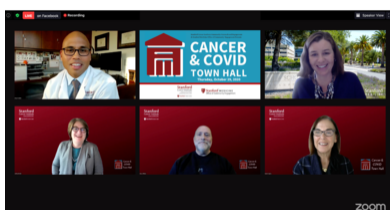
Best wishes to her and her family, from all of us!

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



### COVID-19 COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

Through the power of Zoom, and in collaboration with Stanford Medicine's Office of Research, Department of Epidemiology & Population Health, and Stanford Cancer Institute: Community Engagement & Outreach, we assembled six (6) panels of leading experts in the fields of infectious disease, primary care, mental health, epidemiology, environmental safety, law, healthcare, public health, and education. Bringing, *then* current, safe and reliable information on COVID-19 to the community. Watch on [OCE's YouTube Channel](#) and please stay tuned for future town halls [here](#)



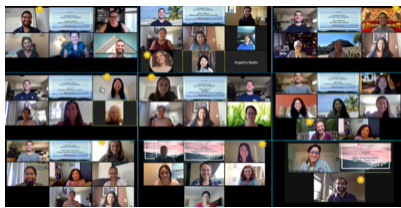
## COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



### EAST PALO ALTO ACADEMY

Through the Valley Fellowship Program, 3rd year medical students Eric Jenkins and Josh Taylor piloted a study to assess the impact of the pipeline program [Health Career Collaborative](#) on the self perceived sense of belonging within healthcare education and connectedness to a healthcare mentor among [East Palo Alto Academy](#) 10th and 11th grade students. This summer, the fellows wrapped up their successful projects and provided a solid foundation for our future young medical professionals. Special thanks to their mentors, Amika Guillaume, EPAA Principal and Dr. Liana Geffer, Stanford Medicine for your support and guidance. We look forward to your poster presentations at next year's Community Health Symposium! Please consider donating to EPAA [here](#)

## EDUCATION



### VALLEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

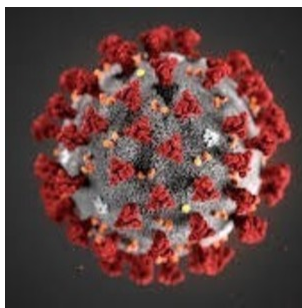
OCE kicked-off the Summer and Fall 2020 Valley Fellowship program with nine (9) new fellows! Together, with their community partners and faculty mentors, they are supporting local community-based organizations in their efforts to improve the health and well being of our local communities. We applaud your dedication to community health and look forward to hearing your poster presentations at next year's Community Health Symposium!

Learn more [here](#)

Summer Q20: Antonio Chahine, Melissa Eidman, Sam Gyudzhyan, Grace Li, Lillie Reed, Emmy Shearer, and Ashley Palmer Steveson.

Fall Q20: Vivan Lou and Anshal Gupta

## RESEARCH



### CEAL

Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID-19 (CEAL) | STOP COVID-19 CA (Share, Trust, Organize, Partner: the COVID-19 California Alliance). We received funding for a state wide effort against COVID-19 disparities. The [CEAL](#) research teams will focus on COVID-19 awareness and education research, especially among African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians-populations that account for over half of all reported cases in the United States. Learn more [here](#)

## RESEARCH RESOURCES



### THE FOOD BOX PILOT STUDY

*Food insecurity: The lack of consistent access to enough food for an active healthy life.* In partnership with local community-based organizations, we are conducting a community-engaged pilot *food as medicine* study to address the dual challenge of obesity and food insecurity among Latinx populations. We look forward to sharing more information on this study in the near future. Learn more [here](#)

### *Save the Date(s)!*

#### COVID-19 Community Town Hall | Vaccine Readiness

**Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 3:30-5 PM PST**

Join us for our 7th community town hall designed for the local and regional community to provide information from leading experts on the COVID-19 Vaccine Readiness

#### 19th Annual Community Health Symposium | Engaging Communities in Health Equity Research

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 | 3:30-6:30 PM PST**

The Community Health Symposium is an annual event established in 2002 by Stanford medical students. This special event highlights Stanford's local, state, national and global community-engaged research efforts. The 3-hour virtual Symposium will include expert speakers and panelists, a keynote address, group discussion, a poster session, and awards honoring community partners, faculty, and staff.

*Stay tuned for more information and all upcoming OCE events [here](#)*

## COVID-19 RESEARCH REGISTRY

**JOIN REGISTRY**

### HELP ADVANCE SCIENCE!

Join the COVID-19 Research Registry to participate in COVID-19 related research or clinical trials. Help us spread the word. Learn more [here](#)

## CONTACT US!

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*Our office will be closed from December 14th - January 1st*

*See you next year!*

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