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SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Community:

After more than a year of varying degrees of restrictions, California has finally entered a phase of “new normal” where we adapt to being in public while following COVID-19 mitigation guidelines: masking, maintaining social distance when possible, and practicing good hand hygiene. As we emerge from our homes onto busy roads and crowded public spaces, I am constantly reminded of the need for all of us to be patient and kind with each other. It’s been quite the year. Our Summer 2021 newsletter highlights people and organizations who practice patience and kindness as they work towards achieving health equity. We hope you will enjoy this newsletter.

Be safe, be kind, get vaccinated, and enjoy the rest of your summer! We will be back in the fall with more research and program updates!

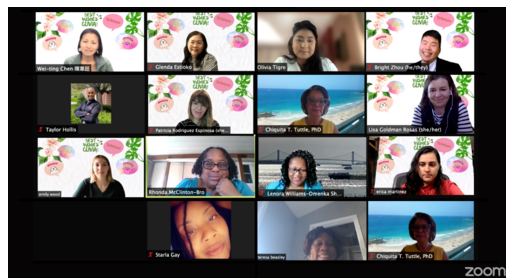
In community,

Dr. Wei-ting Chen, Associate Director of Community Partnerships

For current information regarding COVID-19, please visit:

[HealthAlerts.Stanford.Edu](https://healthalerts.stanford.edu)

WELCOME & BEST WISHES



BEST WISHES OLIVIA

Good luck Olivia on this new and exciting career opportunity with the Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI) at the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department at Stanford University. Thank you for your tireless work in the community and commitment to health equity, we will miss you!

BEST WISHES BRIGHT ZHOU, MD, CLASS OF 2021



It is with deep gratitude and appreciation we wish OCE's medical student advisor, our sincerest congratulations on your medical school graduation. Thank you for your invaluable contribution and dedication to OCE over the years, your unwavering commitment to under-resourced and underrepresented communities has been an inspiration to us all. Good luck and continued success as a Family Medicine Resident at San Jose-O'Connor Hospital!



WELCOME ERICA MARTINEZ

Join us in welcoming Erica to Team OCE! Erica graduated from Santa Clara University with majors in Biology, Public Health and Spanish. Over her four years she did research in the Biology and Environmental Studies and Sciences department. She was also a member of Global Medical Brigades for which she went to Panama twice to help underserved indigenous communities. This coming year she will be volunteering as a Spanish interpreter at SCVMC through the SCOPE program. She hopes to make an impact on the community experience and health outcomes with this new position as a research coordinator where she will be able to supply her research skills and passion for health equity.

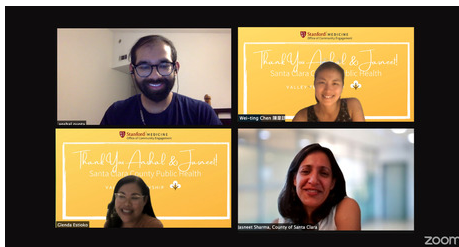
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COVID-19 COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

With thousands in attendance and with the support of Stanford Faculty, CBOs, and the community, we have learned, listened, grieved, and managed the pandemic together. We stood beside you and heard your concerns, celebrated our accomplishments and continued to remain vigilant and cautious during seasonal peaks. OCE is committed to bringing you the latest information and are confident in the latest news and information by national, state, and local public health departments. Therefore, we are pausing future COVID-19 town halls for now and urge you to visit [California Department of Public Health](#), [Santa Clara County Public Health](#), [San Mateo County Health](#) for the latest information on the pandemic.

COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



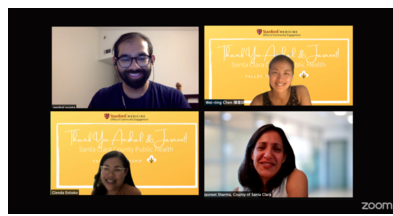
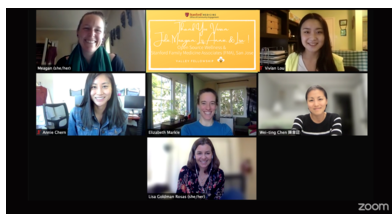
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Special thanks to [Jasneet Sharma, Director, Office of Sustainability, County of Santa Clara](#). She graciously supported Stanford Medical Student/Valley Fellow, Anshul Gupta, throughout his entire project entitled, "Santa Clara County Public Health Jurisdictional Risk Assessment." She is a true community (s)hero! Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to building a healthier community.

EDUCATION

VALLEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

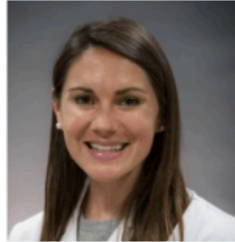
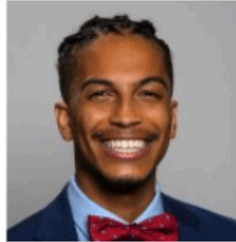
Congratulations to our Valley Fellows and their Community Partners, **Samvel Gyudzhyan & [The Latino Cancer Institute](#)**, **Vivian Lou & [Open Source Wellness/ Stanford Family Medicine Associates-San Jose](#)**, and **Anshul Gupta & [County of Santa Clara](#)** on completing your fellowship projects. Both Sam and Vivian had the opportunity to present their amazing work at this year's [19th Annual Community Health Symposium](#). We look forward to Anshul and others presentation Winter Quarter 2022! Thank you for your invaluable work and contribution to the community!



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021 VALLEY FELLOW MD GRADUATES

Drew Birrenkott, Emergency Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, **Jeffrey Edwards**, Pediatric Medicine, Johns Hopkins & Massachusetts General Hospital, **Emily Shearer**, Emergency Medicine, Brown University, and **Navika Shukla**, Internal Medicine, The University of Chicago.

We are so proud of you all!



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Geeta Rajamani, Human Biology, Class of 2021, Stanford University

Congratulations Geeta! We are very proud of all your accomplishments and your incredible contribution to OCE! Geeta's journey with OCE began 4 years ago as a freshman. In May, we had the pleasure of watching her present her senior thesis, "Investigating Health Information Technology Usage by Sociodemographic Subpopulations to Increase Community Engagement in Healthcare: An Analysis of the Health Information National Trends Survey." Kudos to you and your mentors Drs. Lisa Goldman Rosas & Dr. Lianne Kurina. Wishing you continued success in medical school at the University of Minnesota!



AHEaD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Welcome to [Stanford Population Health Summer Research Program Advancing Health Equity and Diversity \(AHEaD\)](#) Scholars: Jessica Hernandez, UC Merced, Sameen Mahmood, UCLA, and Eric Melendez, Mission College! The mission of the AHEaD program is to provide training and experience in population health research for college students who are from underrepresented and historically excluded groups in the health sciences. Jessica, Sameen, and Eric are engaged in a variety of research and educational efforts with our Office and we are looking forward to their great contributions and career development.

RESEARCH

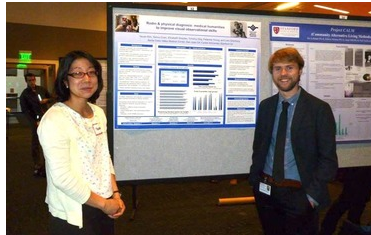


ALCANCE

The ALCANCE project, funded through the California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine, aims to access to cancer prevention, screening, and precision medicine in Monterey County. A randomized controlled trial has launched in partnership with Pacific Cancer Care with 32 patients already enrolled, and the team is preparing to launch a prevention and screening component with Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas this September. A

sustainable community health worker model is central to success at each site where CHWs will provide health education, care navigation, and boost patient engagement in their care. Polls at two Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings this year (February and May 2021) demonstrated that over 90% of the CAB agree or strongly agree that the project will address cancer disparities in Monterey County, and that the project has potential for policy impact beyond Monterey. [More](#)

RESEARCH RESOURCES



2021 SPECTRUM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PILOT AWARDEES

Sponsored by [Stanford Center for Clinical and Translational Research and Education](#) (Spectrum)

This year's awardees are:

Project 1: Utilizing Digital Technology to Foster Community Engagement and Increase Breast Health Awareness Among Diverse Populations (PI's: Drs. Carla Pugh & Alyce Adams)

Project 2: Community Engagement to Develop a Patient Centered Approach to Anemia in Pregnancy (PI's: Drs. Deidre Lyell & Elliott Main)

Project 3: Leveraging Citizen Science to Promote Healthy Retail Stores and Foster Health Equity (PI: Dr. Abby King)

[More](#)

EVENTS

Stanford MEDICINE | SPHERE
Office of Community Health for Ethnic & Racial Equity

Precision Health Equity in Primary Care Seminar Series

PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

HOSTED BY | DR. SEAN DAVID & DR. LISA GOLDMAN ROSAS

Watch Today | https://bit.ly/SPHERE_YouTube

Precision Health Equity & Social Justice	Germline Screening for Cancer & Cardiovascular Disease in Minority Populations	Pharmacogenomics in Underserved Communities	Polygenic Risk Scores in Primary Care Screening
 Eliseo J. Perez-Stable, MD	 Euan Ashley, MD, PhD	 Latha Palamkunnel, MD, MS	 John D. Witte, PhD
 Dorlene Miller, MD	 Allison W. Kurian, MD, MSc	 Mirella Pereira, PhD, PhD	 Heather Wand, MS
 Michael Cho, PhD	 Olayinka H. Nwankwo, MD, MSc	 Megan Mahoney, MD	 Jennifer Kim, MD
 Yaelen Duvvuri	 Lorena Gonzalez-Castano, MPH		

STANFORD PRECISION HEALTH FOR ETHNIC & RACIAL EQUITY (SPHERE) SEMINAR SERIES

In June 2021 we had the pleasure of hosting the [SPHERE Precision Health Equity in Primary Care Seminar Series](#) with Dr. Lisa Goldman Rosas and Dr. Sean P. David.

Hear what leading experts are saying on the subject and its crucial role in health care. View all four recordings and collect your CMEs today! [SPHERE YouTube Channel](#)

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