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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Community:

Are you feeling that back-to-school excitement in the air? If not, you will be by the time you finish reading our newsletter! In this issue, you will meet our new team members and learn about new program activities that support our mission of building academic-community research partnerships. We can't wait to introduce you to the amazing group of seasoned and aspiring community leaders selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Health Equity Ambassadors Program. These Ambassadors will spend the next 6+ months with us to learn about the impact of climate change on health, explore how research partnerships can help them advance their communities' health equity priorities, and conduct community-led research. Also, please save the date for the 22nd Annual Community Health Symposium on April 17, 2024!

In community,

[Wei-ting Chen](#), PhD, Executive Director, Stanford Medicine Office of Community Engagement

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Join us in welcoming our new team members to OCE!



DAVE ZAPATA

Dave is the Program Associate for OCE, who contributes to the planning and coordination of all OCE events while providing program support through assistance with administrative office needs. He plays a pivotal role in the organization and operational procedures of the office. Prior to joining OCE, Dave graduated SFSU with a major in Health Education and was a volunteer for various charity events within the Bay Area in an effort to give back to the community. Dave is an avid health and wellness buff and enjoys basketball and miniature golf in his free time.



BARAKAH LOVE

Barakah is the Research Coordinator for Dr. Lisa Goldman Rosas, Faculty Director for OCE. Her efforts will focus on cancer health equity, working closely with Black Ladies Advocating for Cancer Care (BLACC) and other organizations and communities across the East Bay. Prior to joining OCE, Barakah graduated from Mills College with a BA in Psychology. She is passionate and deeply rooted in her diverse Muslim/East Oakland community, which supports her foundational belief of, "centering in

community, compassion, inclusivity and equity" and aims to bring these values into her work to help "create space for more diverse narratives."



HELEN HAILU

Helen has a BA in Public Policy and Biology from Pomona College and recently joined Stanford Medicine as a REACH Postbac Scholar. She is a passionate advocate for linking academic interests and research to advocacy and policy implications. Her research interests revolve broadly around health policy and population health studies, with a particular focus on addressing the social determinants of health that disproportionately affect Black communities. During her undergraduate studies, Helen

was involved in exploring the benefits of community-based support for Black birthers in Los Angeles as a maternal and reproductive health intern for the California Black Women’s Health Project. Transitioning to her role at Stanford Medicine as a Life Science Researcher, Helen is very excited to continue working in community-based participatory research and contribute meaningful work.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP SERIES

Workshop 1: Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00-7:30 PM



¡Me lleva la que me trajo! Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Latinos/as

[Dr. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola](#)

Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine Director, Center for Reducing Health Disparities Director, Community Engagement Program of the Clinical and Translational Science Center

Join us and register today!

- Connect with community leaders and experts
- Earn a certificate of completion

****Coming soon: Details about future workshops****

[WORKSHOP REGISTRATION](#)

EDUCATION



HEALTH EQUITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Office of Community Engagement together with the Stanford Cancer Institute Office of Cancer Health Equity, co-sponsored by Stanford Spectrum Center for Clinical and Translational Research and Education, present the Health Equity Ambassador program this fall! This professional development program will provide training in research and selected health equity topics to a cohort of community members each year. Some of our goals include: 1) Increasing and strengthening community partnerships; 2) Driving research that is responsive to community needs; and 3)

Building research capacity in the community, particularly in the Bay Area and Central Valley.

For the inaugural cohort launching this fall, the thematic focus is climate change and health equity.

The goals and opportunities of this program include:

- 30+ hours of professional development training to aid community engagement research partnerships
- Opportunity to participate in the 2024 Community Health Symposium, and
- \$6,000 of funding to support a research project driven by community needs.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please email Cristina Mancera, cmancera@stanford.edu



NIH: ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH CULTURE-CENTERED DIETARY INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHRONIC DISEASES

Thursday, September 28 & 29, 2023, 12:00-5:00pm ET

Day 1: 2:50-3:35pm

Panel 3: Migration, Acculturation and Dietary Interventions among Diverse Hispanic/Latinx Communities in the U.S.

Speaker: Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD, MPH, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center Integrative Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine

- Culture, Structure, & Food Practices: Learning from Hispanic Caribbean Communities: Speaker Melissa Fuster, PhD, MS, Tulane University
- Considerations for Conducting Culturally-Appropriate Diet-Related Research with Hispanic Families in a Transborder Context: Speaker, Sonia Vega-Lopez, PhD, MS, Arizona State University
- Dietary Interventions for Diabetes and Cancer in LatinX Populations: Speaker [Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH, Stanford University](#)
- Q&A

[NIH WORKSHOP REGISTRATION](#)

RESEARCH RESOURCES



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Let us help you advance health equity!

Did you know that our technical assistance intake portal is open to Stanford researchers and community partners alike? And did you know that 5 different offices at Stanford Medicine are available to review and respond to your request about community-engaged research, service, and education endeavors? In 2023, we responded to over 80 technical assistance requests -- we look forward to doing more in 2024! Request technical assistance for your project today!

[TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



19TH ANNUAL BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM, Eastridge Mall, San Jose, CA

A free health fair with dozens of community vendors, including us, the Office of Community Engagement! Please stop by, say hello, and spread the word, we look forward to seeing you there. Learn [more](#)

Zumbathon | COVID-19 Vaccinations | Drawings | Health Exams | Flu Shots



AN EVENING OF QUEER JOY

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 3:00-7:00 PM PST

Join us for An Evening of Queer Joy! This event centers the intersectional queer experience on the full spectrum of pain to joy by creating immersive community

spaces, opportunities for authentic expression, and an environment of reflective learning. This year's 2023 Evening of Queer Joy theme, 'Express Yourself', welcomes the entire queer community and their conspirators to focus on centering the experiences of intersectional queer pain & queer joy. Learn [more](#)

[QJ EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



THE LATINO CANCER INSTITUTE (LCI) PRESENTS THE 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FORUM

Friday, October 27, 2023 | 9:00 am - Noon PST or 11:00 am - 2:00 pm CST or Noon - 3:00 pm EST

The Turbulent Ecosystem: Climate Change's Impact on the Latino Cancer Burden! Learn [more](#)

[LCI EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



22ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Save the Date!

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 3:00-6:30 PM, Francis Arrillaga Alumni Center

Stay tuned for more info!

[ABSTRACT APPLICATIONS](#) | DEADLINE | Monday, March 25, 2024

[EVENT SPONSORSHIPS](#) | DEADLINE | Friday, March 1, 2024

[EXHIBITORS HALL APPLICATIONS](#) | DEADLINE | Friday, March 22, 2024

[COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS](#) | DEADLINE | Friday, April 5, 2024

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