



NEWS AND KUDOS

Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior



Celebrating the December 2022 graduation of Dr. Kelli Dubois and Dr. Jennifer Mandelbaum

Message from the Chair (Daniela Friedman)

When was the last time you really listened to what someone was saying? Pause here and think about it for a couple of minutes At home when we share over dinner how our days have gone, it is crystal clear when we are not really paying attention to each other and just spewing out information one at a time or at the same time. It may be on the tiring days or on the “can you believe this happened” days or on the bizarre and upsetting current events days. Regardless of the why, I am certain you can recognize those types of interactions. I sure have and often regret how those conversations have gone. While we have reengaged (as best we can) during this time and have several interactions each and every day in person and virtually, are we just going through the motions? Are we quick to respond to what others are saying or asking just so we can move forward with the next item on our to-do list? Are we really that busy to take the time to focus our attention on someone else? I answer that last question with a big NO. Being busy is not an excuse. It has been inspiring and comforting to see people come together in difficult times. So is it really that

tough to be encouraging of others on a regular day at work or at home? While people talk about the pervasiveness of academic silos, we are fortunate in public health. It is possible to do our work solo – well, I guess you could, but will it really have the impact you desire? Nah. A colleague shared recently that she views academia as a team sport. I love that. It inspires me to see you excited about team publications, our social events and professional development activities, and other group service initiatives. I do not have all the answers. You do not have all the answers. But together – listening to each other – I truly believe that we are unstoppable. Let’s listen to each other – like really listen actively – with focused attention, curiosity, and understanding. It is in these moments when the half-baked ideas become fully baked and delicious. That is when we feel supported, cared for, and safe. Congratulations on the incredible accomplishments presented in this newsletter. Your teamwork makes me smile from ear to ear. *“Listening is an art that requires attention over talent, spirit over ego, others over self” (D. Jackson).*

Congratulations are in Order!

Carrie Draper, HPEB Senior Research Associate, was invited to participate on a national technical advisory group for the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service SNAP Nutrition Education Branch to provide expertise on a toolkit to support SNAP-Ed agencies in using data to plan, report on, and communicate the successes of their policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives.

Dr. Edena Guimaraes, Dr. John Bernhart, and Zach Jenkins were recognized by students for the Thank-A-Teacher program. Students recognized instructors and teaching assistants across campus who had a positive impact on their learning experiences. [LINK](#)

Congratulations to Keren Herrán, HPEB Doctoral Student, for completing two certificates from the World Health Organization in Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management for Resilient Cities & Healthy and Safe Telework.

Once again, Dr. Casey Giraudy, Wendy Clemmer, and Maria Sophocleous have been nominated for the M. Stuart Hunter Award for Outstanding Teaching in University 101. This award was established to recognize a University 101 instructor who demonstrates exemplary teaching and achievement of course outcomes and has made a positive impact on student lives.

Congratulations to Dr. Casey Giraudy for completing the Center for Teaching Excellence Certificate in Fostering Proactive Learning Environments.

HPEB in the News!

Dr. Jennifer Mandelbaum, recent HPEB alum, was featured for her public health work and successes on the Arnold School of Public Health website for the I Am Public Health column. [LINK](#)

Dr. Jennifer Fillo was invited to serve as discussion moderator of a Nickelodeon Theatre screening of *Love in the Time of Fentanyl* that profiled harm reduction efforts in Vancouver in order to give hope to a community ravaged by the overdose crisis. Aimee Hourigan, HPEB Doctoral Student and Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education at USC, served on the discussion panel.

Dr. Billie Oglesby, HPEB alum, was featured on the Arnold School of Public Health website for his career successes. Dr. Oglesby serves currently as Dean of for the College of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University. [LINK](#)



Funding News

Congratulations to Sara Trice, HPEB Master Student, who is the recipient of this year's Ann Cassady Endowed Fellowship. This fellowship honors Ann's life by providing financial support for the training, research, and professional development of HPEB masters degree students.

Congratulations to Atefeh Aghaei, HPEB Doctoral Candidate, for securing a SPARC award for her research entitled, "Impacts of COVID-19 and Taliban takeover on Afghan refugee women's mental health wellbeing."

Congratulations to Nkechi Okpara, HPEB Doctoral Candidate, for receiving the Olga I. Ogoussan Doctoral Research Award in January 2023. Olga received her MPH from HPEB and was enrolled in the HPEB doctoral program when she passed away in 2010. This award honors her life by providing financial support for doctoral education, training, and professional development.

Congratulations to Holly Young, Biological Sciences, and Dr. Emily Mann, Mentor, on securing a Magellan Scholar Award to study *Contraception and Sexual Minority Young Women in South Carolina*.

Congratulations to Marian Winters, Public Health, and Dr. Christine Blake, Mentor, on securing a Magellan Journey Award to study *Body Image Portrayed in Food Advertisements in Ghana*.

The Big Data Health Science Center (Managing Director, Miranda Nixon) received a Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Grant from USC's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to include an Academic Career Development Luncheon for underrepresented minority students as part of its annual conference. [LINK](#)

Publications & Presentations

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Keren Herrán was sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology to participate and serve in the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, California from November 7th - 12th. Keren attended the conference's first-ever Graduate Student Symposium and served as a judge and judge's assistant for the Undergraduate Symposium. The team of judges and judge's assistants evaluated 2,168 presentations from across 12 scientific disciplines.

Keren Herrán served as a keynote speaker for the World Trade Center Institute's Albrecht Fellowship Fundraiser event in Baltimore, Maryland on November 3rd. Keren is an alumna of the Albrecht Fellowship program, a business and leadership development program.

Dr. Caroline Rudisill and colleagues have written a book entitled, Behavioural Incentive Design for Health Policy that will be released in May 2023. It is being published by Cambridge University Press.

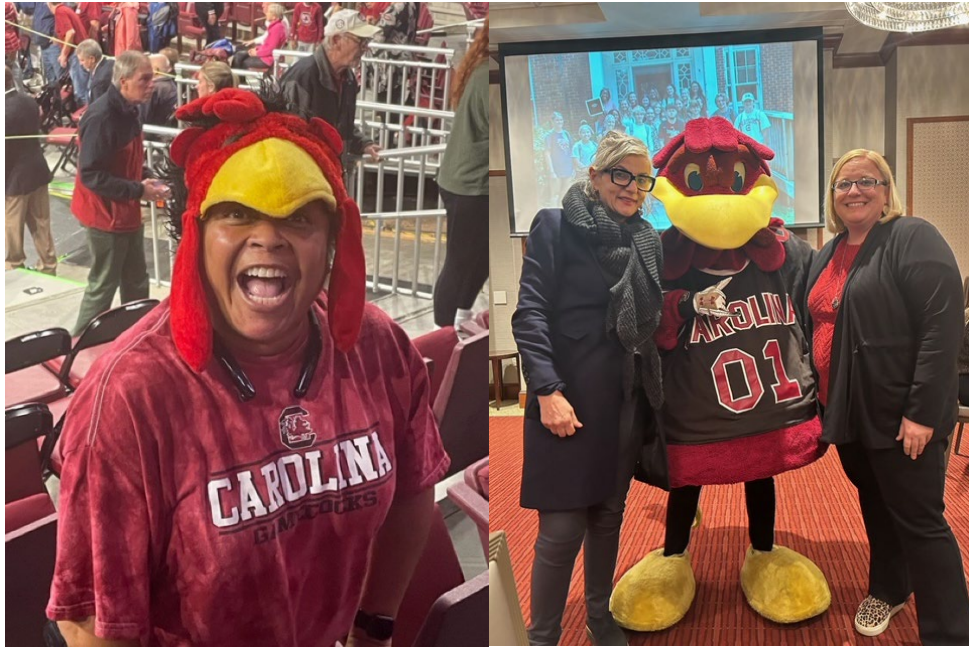
Dr. Lucy Ingram, along with Faith Fletcher (HPEB alum), Tiffany Byrd, and Nika Kadiri (HPEB Doctoral Candidates) have co-authored a chapter entitled, *Sexual and Reproductive Health among African Americans in the Southern United States* in the book, Black Health in the South, being published by Johns Hopkins University Press. The book's official release date is March 21, 2023.

Photo Gallery



Congratulations to Dr. Maryam Alhabas (HPEB alum) and family on the birth of Suliman (born October 22nd)! Congratulations to Jaron King and family on the birth of Laco (born November 18th)! Congratulations to Dr. Guimaraes on the birth of her grandbaby, August (born November 24th)! Congratulations to Christiana Johnson and family on the birth of Harleigh (born January 29)! Thank you all for sharing your beautiful families with us!





Dr. Giraudy, Maria, and Wendy showing off their USC Spirit!

Please send submissions for *News and Kudos* to Daniela Friedman so that we can share and celebrate your work!

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