

Health Promotion Matters

Newsletter of the UW Health Promotion Research Center

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Message From the Director

Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you had a joyful holiday season and feel ready to plunge into 2024. I'm very pleased to (re)introduce Health Promotion Matters, the HPRC newsletter. After a long hiatus, we plan to share Health Promotion Matters a few times each year to keep you and your partners up to date on all things HPRC. This edition of Health Promotion Matters highlights several of our 2023 success stories.

The new year is a great opportunity for new ventures and new projects to advance the health of our communities. I'm sure it will also bring us exciting new opportunities to work together. All our efforts to promote health and increase health equity depend on our partners and their wisdom, experience and sharing the work with us. Thank you for your partnership and engagement with HPRC. I wish all of you a happy and auspicious 2024!

Peggy Hannon, PhD, MPH
Director of the Health Promotion Research Center

Anti-Racism Work at HPRC



HPRC's Change Team gathered feedback from HPRC's Community Advisory Board members on anti-racist work to better understand community leaders' experiences and priorities for the Change Team.

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Mohamed and Steinman Receive a Tier 1 Pilot Award

HPRC is partnering with Neighborhood House to integrate mental health programming to adapt and align with CBO and community strengths and needs. [LEARN MORE](#)



COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Community-Centered Communications

HPRC partnered with community organizations to create a community-center COVID-19 Communications Toolkit. [LEARN MORE](#)



Wu Receives APHA's Masters Student Research Award

Research Coordinator, Sherry Wu, was recognized for her capstone project, highlighting contextual barriers for program

implementation.

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New PEARLS Video

Watch our new video to see how community organizations use the Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) to improve the mental health of older adults. [Watch Here](#)



Upcoming Events



Suicide Prevention & Aging Communities

Part of the "Suicide Prevention Is..." webinar series hosted by [Forefront Suicide Prevention](#) and the Washington State Department of Health

Thursday, January 25 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (PST)

Presenter: Dr. Lesley Steinman, HPRC Research Scientist

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TEAM UPDATES

WELCOME AND HELLO

- **Astoria Ho** joined HPRC in January as a research coordinator supporting the [Decision-Making in Alzheimer's Research](#) project
- **Tenney Davis** and **Shivani Paudel** joined HPRC in January as research assistants supporting cancer prevention and control projects under the direction of Thuy Vu.
- **Amy Hernandez** joined HPRC in November as a research coordinator supporting multiple projects under the direction of KeliAnne Hara-Hubbard.
- **Maria Navarro**, student volunteer, re-joined HPRC in November to support research on labor laws for agricultural workers under the direction of Érica Chavez Santos.
- **Alina Kido-Matzner** joined HPRC in October as a practicum student supporting the mobile crisis response project under the direction of Marlana Kohn.
- **Isabel Reyes-Paz** joined HPRC in October as a thesis student under the direction of Barbara Baquero.
- **Kenzie Lock** joined the Department of Health Systems and Population Health in October and is supporting communications across HPRC projects.
- **Jenny Kim** joined HPRC in May as a work study student supporting multiple projects under the direction of Linda Ko.
- **Katherine Lopez** joined HPRC in March as a Research Study Coordinator supporting multiple projects under the direction of Linda Ko.
- **Janet Rojina** joined HPRC in February as a Research Coordinator supporting multiple projects under the direction of Linda Ko.
- **Ricardo Moreno Garcia** joined HPRC in September as a student intern supporting the Partnering with Latino-Owned Businesses to Advance Health Equity through Cancer Prevention and Control project under the direction of KeliAnne Hara-Hubbard.
- **Noah Segal** joined HPRC in September 2022 as a research coordinator supporting the [ReOpening Schools Safely and Educating Youth](#) project under the direction of Linda Ko.
- **Kelley Pascoe** joined HPRC in September 2022 as a research coordinator supporting the [ReOpening Schools Safely and Educating Youth](#) project under the direction of Linda Ko.
- **Betty Cohn** joined HPRC in September 2022 as a research assistant supporting multiple projects under the direction of Sarah Knerr.
- **Norma Garfias Avila** joined HPRC in the summer of 2022 as a student volunteer support projects under the direction of Barbara Baquero.
- **Sarah Domai** joined HPRC in June 2022 as a research assistant supporting the [Decision-Making in Alzheimer's Research](#) project under the direction of Jean Taylor.

Recent Publications

[Public Health Genomics: Time to Sharpen the Focus](#), McBride CM, Roberts JS, Knerr S, Guan Y (Dec 2024)

[Factors Influencing COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake among Spanish-Speaking Pregnant People](#), Sanchez M, Martel I, Cox E, Cray I, Baxter C, Every E, Munson J, Stapley S, Stonehill A, Adams Waldorf K (Nov 2023)

[Bridging Culture and Language: Encouraging Bilingual/Multicultural Individuals to Act as information Navigators for Their Loved-Ones and Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), Abdi N, Flores M, Hara-Hubbard

KK, Turner, AM, Gudino J, Jafry S, Harris JR, Hannon PA, Baquero B, Meischke H (Nov 2023)

[Supportive care decision-making processes of persons with dementia and their caregivers](#). Taylor JO, Child CE, Sharma RK, Asiro MG, Miller LM, Turner AM (Sept 2023)

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PRC Network Participant

The UW Health Promotion Research Center is a [CDC Prevention Research Centers network member](#), building healthier communities together for more than 30 years.

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