



## Annual Report: Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science, Public Health-Global Health Major July 2023 through June 2024

Thank you to all the students, alumni, faculty, and staff, along with colleagues across the School of Public Health and University of Washington and community partners, who made the 2023-2024 academic year memorable!

### People, Program, & Degree Highlights:

**Maria Blancas**, PhD, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, taught SPH 495: Public Health Internship.

**Lyda Ebadani** (c/o 2021), MPH, served as a Graduate Student Assistant during academic year 2023-2024. She provided administrative support for experiential learning, including capstone and internships.

**Ladan Farah** (c/o 2023) joined the program as the Program Assistant in February 2024. She provides administrative support and assistance with budget reconciliation, event planning, as well as marketing and communications, including managing the weekly newsletter.

**Katarina Mucha**, PhD, MPH, Assistant Teaching Professor in Global Health, joined SPH 491/2: Public Health Capstone.

**David Mukasa**, PhD, Assistant Teaching Professor in Global Health, joined SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health.

**Resham Patel**, MPH, Assistant Teaching Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, joined SPH 381: Science and Public Health.

**Jessie Seiler**, PhD in Epidemiology, joined SPH 489: Structural Racism and Public Health as a Teaching Associate in the School Public Health's teaching fellowship program.

**Tyler Watson**, PhD, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor in Health Systems and Population Health was selected to participate in the AY 24-26 Evidence-Based Teaching Program.

**Congratulation Graduates!** The Major graduated 296 students over the course of the academic year. In total, 2585 students have earned bachelor's degrees in the Major since its inception.

**Five-Year Strategic Plan:** Program leadership, staff, and faculty implemented Year 2 of the program's strategic plan, including hiring increasingly diverse instructors and developing new courses in race, racism, and public health, service learning, and portfolio, which are set to launch in AUT 2024.

### Student & Academic Services Highlights:

- The **PH-GH Major Honors Program** received a record number of applications at 54. Thirty-eight students were offered admission, with 36 accepting, making the cohort the largest to date.
- **Student and academic services expanded** with additional prospective advising and referrals to resources.
- Five **Student Resource Coordinators** coordinated social justice-themed programs and community building events like the PH-GH Major Open House and Graduation Celebration and collaborated with the SPH Student & Academic Services team and UW Graduate School. SRCs conducted peer advising with prospective students, managed the phgh\_undergrads Instagram, and supported the PH-GH advising office.
- PH-GH advisers facilitated **in-class workshops and alumni panels** on topics including: social identity, systemic power, and job search strategies.

### A Preview of What is Happening for PH-GH in AY 2024-2025

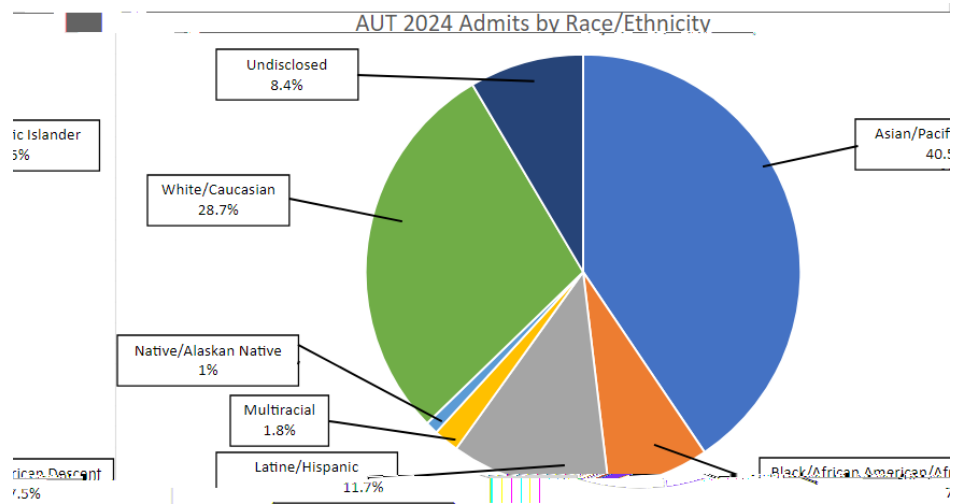
- Move into the third year of the Major's **five-year strategic plan** including implementing new courses (Race, Racism, and Public Health; Public Health Service Learning), surveying antiracist paradigms and pedagogies across the curriculum and student and academic services, and preparing to expand enrollment to 700 students.
- Extend **Student Resource Coordinator** positions into the summer, allowing for student-led programming outside the academic year.
- Continue integration of **EDI, career development, and health and wellness** with curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Continue offering the PH-GH Major's first study abroad – **Public Health Nepal**.

## Admissions & Enrollment Demographics for

### AUT 2023-WIN 2024:

- **Bachelor of Arts: 108 (35%)**
- **Bachelor of Science: 198 (65%)**
- **Female: 248 (81%) | Male: 39 (12.7%) | Non-Binary: 4 (1.3%) | Undisclosed: 15 (4.9%)**
- **Transfer: 15 (4.9%)**
- **First-generation college student: 109 (35.6%)**

Note: of those who were identified as "Multiracial", there are representations of Asian/Black, Asian/Black/White, Asian/Hispanic, Asian/White, Black/Latinx, Black/Latinx/Asian, Black/Native American, Black/White, White/Native American, White/Latinx



### Collaboration Highlights:

- The **SPH Undergraduate Symposium** celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Seventy-two students presented 37 posters from Environmental Public Health Major, Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Major, Health Informatics and Health Information Management Major, Public Health-Global Health Major, Global Health Minor, and Nutrition Minor.
- Founded the **SPH Undocu Working Group** in January 2024, which consists of faculty and staff across the SPH. The group provides education, advocacy, and support for students who are undocumented within the School and across the UW campuses.
- Collaborated with **Educational Opportunity Program** and the **College Assistance Migrant Program** to host quarterly all-school information sessions and application workshops for first-generation, low income, and underrepresented minority students.
- Collaborated with the **Latinx Health Board** to conduct oral histories to as part of a research project aimed at understanding Latinx young adults experiences of mental health. Also with **LxHB** and **WA State History Museum**, analyzed the oral histories gathered during the COVID-19 pandemic and created a digital display that included photos and quotes. Partnered with **FrEsCo** to create culturally-relevant cookbooks and health-focused infographics. Embarked upon a new partnership with **Circle of Friends** to create short videos to destigmatize mental illness. Entering our 3rd year with the **WA West African Center**, students created and administered an after-school curriculum. Students worked shelter shifts at **ROOTS** (a partner since 2012), and created season 4 of our podcast series *Seattle Unsheltered*. Continued the Major's long-term partnership **Vulnerable Populations Strategic Initiative** to teach stroke and fall prevention to older adults.
- The **SPH Undergraduate Commons** hosted instructor and teaching assistant office hours with the following departments: Biostatistics; Epidemiology; Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health; and instructors for the PH-GH Major.

### Public Health-Global Health Major Alumni Council

Board Members Elizabeth Lindo ('21), President; Jakar Delacruz ('21), Mentorship Chair; and Nasiha Hussain ('18), Alumni Relations Chair organized alumni panels for SPH 380.

### Students & Graduates

The school-wide major fits with a range of student interests and career trajectories, including graduate work in all areas of public health, health and allied health professional programs, non-health graduate work (law, business, administration), non-profit agencies, for-profit agencies, and service. Here are a few recent students & alumni:

**Rohini Achal (2024), Tashmee Sarwar (2024), Koumudi Thanda (2024), and Josephine Wong (2024)** starting MPH programs at The Johns Hopkins University  
**Safia Ali (2023)** working full time as a Clinical Research Coordinator at the Seattle Children's Hospital  
**Haley Birdoes (2019)** completing MPH in Epidemiology at UW School of Public Health and is the Graduate Student Assistant with SPH Career Services  
**Madeleine Clarke (2023)** working full time as a Statistical Analysis Assistant at Fred Hutch  
**Aliyah Cleveland (2024), Sophie Li (2024), María Navarro (2024), Mikaela Peizer (2025), Leodegario Rodríguez-Duarte (2024), Sneha Subramanian (2024)** were recipients of the Husky 100 Award  
**Djanaya Esiong (2024)** interning with the CDC

**Jakar Delacruz (2021)** starting MSc program focusing on the control of infectious disease in London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
**Lyda Ebadani (2021)** graduated with an MPH in Epidemiology at the UW SPH and took an adviser position with the Department of Global Health  
**Nasiha Hussain (2018)** completing MPH in Epidemiology at Columbia University  
**Yarangel John (2024)** was the recipient of the SPH Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award for PH-GH  
**Jefferson Nguyen (2020)** starting MD program at University of Washington School of Medicine  
**Javier Silva (2022)** completing the MPH in Epidemiology at the UW School of Public Health and will be starting a PhD in Epidemiology

**Bárbara Baquero, Program Director | Anjolie Ganti, Associate Director**  
**Joe Harper Kowalczyk, Associate Director | Jillian McBride-Payne, Academic Services Director**  
**Tess Matsukawa, Adviser | Heran Kidane, Adviser | Karen Sanchez, Adviser | Danafe Matusalem, Adviser**  
**Ladan Farah, Program Assistant | Lyda Ebadani, Graduate Student Assistant**