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Welcome to the 2019-2020 Academic year! I am excited to begin the year with our two newest OCE team members, Kathryn Azevedo Mendoza, PhD, MA, and Wei-ting Chen, PhD, MA. Along with our newly named Assistant Director of Community Partnerships, Jack Sommers, we look forward to bringing you more news and updates throughout the coming year!

Kathryn Azevedo Mendoza focuses on ethnographic and applied mixed-methods approaches to understand the interests of communities and stakeholders. Kathryn is interested in health promotion and community level behavioral change thru solutions-oriented approaches and is specifically looking to build partnerships with marginalized communities. She recently received funding through the Office of Community Engagement to incorporate research experiences in the classroom for the next generation of students.

Wei-ting Chen received her Ph.D. in Community psychology from the University of California Berkeley in 2018. Her dissertation examined the role of maternal family socialization in Chinese American women and adolescent health. In their current role, Wei-ting is working with community partners to conduct research with underserved populations, and to identify barriers and facilitators to connecting these communities with health-related services. Wei-ting's background includes experience working with community health workers and a dedication to community engagement and public health research.

Jack Sommers is the former Director of the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) at Stanford University. He received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. As Director, Jack worked to support research and community engagement with the goal of improving the health of diverse communities. Under his leadership, OCE established new initiatives such as the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) Valley Fellowship Program, generously supported by the Valley Foundation, sponsors a paid fellowship program for Stanford Medicine medical students administered by OCE. Jack is looking forward to continuing working with the Peer Navigators.

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