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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Community:

As I reflect on 2022, the word “growth” comes to mind. Our network of community engaged scholars at Stanford Medicine has been growing leaps and bounds! We at OCE welcomed Cristina Mancera to our team in October (read more about her and her role in this newsletter!), but other community-focused teams at Stanford Medicine have also welcomed additional team members this year! You should absolutely meet our colleagues from the following offices: [Stanford Cancer Institute’s Office of Cancer Health Equity \(OCHE\)](#); [Department of Medicine’s Primary Care and Population Health Community Partnership Program](#); [The Office of Community-Engaged Research within the Maternal Child Health Research Institute \(MCHR\)](#), and [the Office of Child Health Equity \(OCHE\) within the Department of Pediatrics](#). If you would like to get in touch with any of us about a community-engaged research, service, or education request, please drop a note [here](#)! We, as a network, look forward to continuing our shared journey of improving health equity with you.

Wishing you and your loved ones a love and gratitude-filled holiday season!

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

NEW TEAM MEMBER



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Cristina Mancera is the new Community Engagement Capacity Building Program Manager in the Stanford Medicine Office of Community Engagement! Cristina’s personal and professional philosophies center community inclusion and institutional accessibility. She explored and developed a role serving immediate communities impacted by education and research through teaching and student advocacy in East Los Angeles. In the classroom, she highlighted community-engaged research in STEM topics to promote awareness of and sensitivity to historical contexts of distrust, cultural competencies, and the real possibilities of actionable change. She transitioned to support the farming community in North Bay and has eagerly returned to research with a renewed and strengthened passion for facilitating community-driven inquiry and solutions. Cristina is very excited to join OCE, and is looking forward to supporting meaningful advancements in community-academic partnerships.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES RETURNS TO STANFORD AS 2022 PRESIDENT’S AWARDEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COMMON GOOD



On November 4, 2022, [Camara Phyllis Jones](#), MD '81 returned to campus to present a series of inspiring talks and conversations. Delivered in her typically energetic, passionate, and compelling manner, Jones inspired students, faculty, community members, community partners, and staff.

During an intimate breakfast meeting, Dr. Jones and the attendees delved into ideas from “Seeing the Water: Seven Values Targets for Anti-Racism Action.” At a noon-time event with students and leaders from Community Service Centers, Jones shared her professional path, her career journey in medicine and public health, and how she formed her ideologies on the importance of addressing race and racism to improve the health of our nation. Later, [David Chang](#), MD, hosted Jones in his Population Health Class, where she engaged first-year medical students in a discussion on the “habits of mind for social justice warriors”, and generously answered important and challenging questions from students. This day culminated with public event on the four allegories on “race” and racism.

Throughout the day, Jones illuminated for her audience four key messages: Racism Exists, Racism is a System, Racism saps the strength of the whole society, and most importantly, we can act to dismantle Racism guided by the four “BCs”: Be Courageous, Be Curious, Be a Citizen, and Build Community.

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EDUCATION



CHPR 227 & EPI 272 COURSE

Students! Enroll today in the “The Science of Community Engagement in Health Research” course

January 9 - March 17, 2023 | Thursdays 1:30 PM - 4:20 PM [learn more](#)

Instructors | Drs. [Lisa Goldman Rosas](#) & [Tainayah Thomas](#)



VALLEY FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This fall we welcomed and launched four new Valley Fellows, community partners, faculty mentors, and their projects.

Thank you for your dedication to community health. We are honored to be working with you all and look forward to the completion of your projects in the coming months!

- 1) **Layla Boukhater, MS2**, Project: Benzodiazepines Awareness Didactics and Tapering/Withdrawal Qualitative Analysis (Community Partner: Valley Homeless Healthcare Program)
- 2) **Ekaterina Tkachenko, MS4**, Project: The effect of excess heat exposure in Santa Clara/San Mateo County residents on heat-related illness (HRI) emergency department admissions (Community Partner: Santa Clara County Public Health Department & San Mateo Public Health Department)
- 3) **Ghida El-Banna, MS4**, Project: Assessment of Muslim Patients’ Perception of Their Dermatology Care: A Mixed-Methods Approach (Community Partner: Stanford Dermatology Clinics, Redwood City)
- 4) **Wills Baird, MS2**, Project: Colorectal Cancer Screening at the VA Palo Alto’s Asynchronous Preventative Health Clinic (Community Partner: Asynchronous Preventative Health Clinic, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care Systems)

**Please note:** Effective immediately, the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) will pause new Valley Fellowship awards in the new year (2023 and beyond) until further notice. We will honor the commitments we have made to students and community partners who have already signed agreements in place, but will not be accepting new applications. We thank you for your continued support of our local communities and look forward to communicating any and/or new developments in the future.

RESEARCH



ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-ENGAGED DATA SCIENCE

The [Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences \(PHS\)](#) utilizes a unique community-engaged approach to data science to reduce social inequalities. Leveraging its data resources and expertise, the Center works closely with its partners to understand and address their health equity-related questions and priorities. For example, the Solano County Public Health Department (SCPH), a long-standing PHS partner, wanted to know “how can we be certain that we’re making progress toward racial equity...how do we measure transformational change?” Working closely with SCPH, PHS has identified novel data sources such as publicly-available local government meeting minutes, CRAISlist housing ads, Nextdoor posts, and jail booking logs that can provide rich contextual information about the presence of structural racism. The Center has also begun collaborating with public health departments in the San Joaquin Valley region, partnering with the Tule River Indian Tribe to address significant gaps in mortality data that make it challenging to identify and address health disparities. With the support and approval from the Tribal Council, the Center is utilizing innovative small-area estimation methodologies to develop a more accurate estimation of mortality and cause of death. Beyond the Bay Area, PHS collaborates with national-level organizations that can help to scale its impact. The Center welcomes new partnerships from other community groups and organizations. You can direct questions to Lesley Sept, Executive Director of PHS: [slesley1@stanford.edu](mailto:slesley1@stanford.edu) [more](#)

RESEARCH RESOURCES



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

OCE Faculty Director, Lisa Goldman Rosas supported community partners from the [Charlotte Maxwell Clinic](#), a 30-year-old non-profit providing complementary, integrative therapies to low-income and underserved women with their Letter of Intent (LOI) to the [Engagement Award: Building Capacity for Small Organizations to Engage in PCOR/CER](#). These awards are for research support projects aimed at encouraging meaningful stakeholder involvement, dissemination of PCORI-funded research findings, community capacity building, as well as capacity building for small organizations to engage in patient-centered outcomes research/comparative clinical effectiveness research.

*Request technical assistance for your project today!*

[TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Join us in supporting UNA-USA East Bay Chapter’s upcoming symposium on **Saturday | December 3, 2022 | 3-6 PM PST**

Human Rights Day Health Disparity? thru the lens of Sickle Cell Disease, register [here](#)



21ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Cohosted by Stanford Medicine [Office of Community Engagement](#) & [Office of Faculty Development and Diversity](#).

Save the date for the upcoming Community Health Symposium on **Wednesday | April 5, 2023 | 4-6:30 PM PDT**

Call for [Event Sponsors](#): Deadline, Friday, February 24, 2023

Call for [Abstracts](#): Deadline, Monday, March 13, 2023

Call for [Exhibitors](#): Deadline, Monday, March 13, 2023

Stay tuned for more information!

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS



CA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)

CDPH is seeking a Center for **Healthy Communities** Assistant Deputy Director, Chronic Disease Prevention. For more information on this position, click [here](#)

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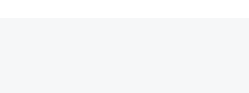
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