

# IFH Newsletter

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### SETTING THE COURSE

With this issue we are pleased to launch the new IFH quarterly newsletter. Our vision is that it will be a vessel to strengthen the connections between our centers, programs and members across Rutgers, and to more deeply engage with the communities beyond our walls.

We will use it to focus our efforts to move the needle on population health, by promoting events and opportunities for community outreach, education and training, and highlighting interdisciplinary and translational scientific research.

In this issue, we welcome new faculty and staff, highlight the wonderful work



From left, Joel Cantor, CSHP, Dr. XinQi Dong, IFH, Ranjana Madhusudhan, NJ Department of the Treasury, and former NJ Commissioner of Health Shereef Elnahal, at the Catalyst Symposium on April 19, 2019.

of our members, and cherish the rich history of leveraging behavioral and social sciences research methods to advance population health sciences.

We mark the beginning of the planning phase of the New Jersey Population Cohort Study—the focus of our Catalyst Symposium earlier this year—to more comprehensively understand the translational intersections of cultural resilience and health outcomes.

Furthermore, we feature the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat, where we will set the course for the next chapter of IFH, and which will certainly be a focal point of the next issues to come.

We look forward to sharing with you on this journey.

**- Dr. XinQi Dong, MD, MPH**  
Director, IFH

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# Projects, Awards & Faculty News

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: NJMAC

A new collaborative led by IFH has received a \$3.6 million, three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to increase participation of New Jersey minority older adults in research.

The New Jersey Minority Aging Collaborative (NJMAC) will bring together researchers and community leaders to help support the recruitment and retention of minority older adults in studies.

Community partner organizations include Rutgers' campuses, as well as RBHS, the Asian Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, Rutgers New Jersey Cooperative Extension, Rutgers/RWJBarnabas Health, the Center for Asian Health, the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging, the Trenton Health Team and New Brunswick Tomorrow.

## POTTICK ELECTED AASWSW FELLOW



*Dr. Kathleen J. Pottick*

Dr. Kathleen J. Pottick, PhD, MSW, MA, LCSW, IFH Core Faculty Member and professor in the School of Social Work, has been selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare (AASWSW).

AASWSW, an honor society of distinguished scholars and practitioners that serves as a convener of thought leaders, recognizes fellows for their

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- **JOEL CANTOR**, CSHP, "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED POPULATION HEALTH DATA PROJECT," NJDOH.
- **JOEL CANTOR**, CSHP, "RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR IN HOME ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM," NJDOH.
- **SUJOY CHAKRAVARTY**, CSHP, "EVALUATION OF THE NJ FAMILYCARE COMPREHENSIVE DEMONSTRATION," NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
- **MICHAEL YEDIDIA**, CSHP, "EXAMINING OBESITY DECLINES AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN: THE ROLE OF CHANGES IN THE FOOD AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ENVIRONMENTS," 5R01HL137814-03, NIH.
- **TOBIAS GERHARD**, PETS, "STRENGTHENING THE EVIDENCE-BASE FOR DRUG-DISEASE INTERACTIONS IN OLDER ADULTS," 1R01AG061092-01A1, NIH.
- **TOBIAS GERHARD**, PETS, SUPPLEMENTS TO COLUMBIA OPAL CENTER: "UNDERSTANDING THE CO-OCCURRENCE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS" & "IDENTIFYING AGE-RELATED ANTECEDENTS TO SUICIDE IN SCHIZOPHRENIA," NIMH.
- **TOBIAS GERHARD**, PETS, "DATA ANALYSIS FOR DRUG REPURPOSING FOR EFFECTIVE ALZHEIMER'S MEDICINES (DREAM)," NIA.
- **SOKO SETOGUCHI IWATA**, PETS, "DISEASE OUTCOMES IN OLDER ADULTS UNDER EXTREME HEAT, AIR POLLUTION AND MEDICATION USE (DO-NO-HARM)," 1R01AG060232-01A1, NIH.
- **SOKO SETOGUCHI IWATA**, PETS, "VALIDITY OF CLAIMS-BASED DEFINITIONS FOR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, SELECTED CANCERS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN JAPAN," "VALIDITY OF CLAIMS BASED DEFINITION FOR ULCERATIVE COLITIS IN JAPAN," & "MODIFYING THE RISK AND OUTCOME OF HEART FAILURE IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. IS TOFACITINIB A BETTER OPTION COMPARED TO OTHER DMARDS?," PFIZER INC.
- **SOKO SETOGUCHI IWATA**, PETS, "HEALTH OUTCOMES IN ASIAN OLDER ADULTS UNDER EXTREME HEAT AND MEDICATION USE (PILOT STUDY)," ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER FOR MINORITY AGING RESEARCH (RCMAR).
- **DANIEL HORTON**, PETS, "ANTIBIOTICS, JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS, AND ANTIRHEUMATIC TREATMENT RESPONSE," 1R01AR074436-01A1, NIH.
- **CHINTAN DAVE**, PETS, "SAFETY OF ANTIHYPERTENSIVE MEDICATIONS AMONG OLDER ADULTS WITH DIABETES," NJ ACTS (KL2).
- **ELISSA KOZLOV**, IFH/SPH, "PILOTING AN MHEALTH MINDFULNESS THERAPY INTERVENTION TO ALLEVIATE SYMPTOMS OF STRESS FOR CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADULTS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT," NJ ACTS (KL2).
- **XINQI DONG**, IFH, "NEW JERSEY MINORITY AGING COLLABORATIVE (NJMAC)," 1R24AG063729-01, NIH.



# New Faces at IFH



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accomplishments that promote social good by advancing the fields of social work and social welfare.

"I am thrilled, and very honored, for me, and for Rutgers," Pottick said.

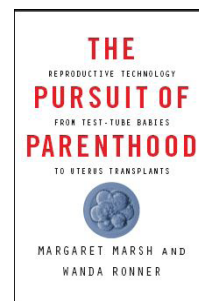
Election to AASWSW is by confidential nomination and approval by a supermajority of all members.

Pottick and other newly-elected fellows will receive a medal and plaque during an induction ceremony at the Society for Social Work and Research's annual conference on Jan. 17, 2020.

## MARSH, RONNER PUBLISH THIRD BOOK

"The 'infertility sisters' have done it again!" begins the acclaim for the newest book by Dr. Margaret Marsh, PhD, and her sister, Dr. Wanda Ronner, MD. *The Pursuit of Parenthood: Reproductive Technology from Test-Tube Babies to Uterus Transplants*, was published by Johns Hopkins University Press in August.

The book is their third together, and



Marsh's fourth individually, and focuses on the recent history of infertility, reproductive medicine, and reproductive technology, with real experiences and insights from experts and individuals. Their research was funded by an Investigator Award in Health Policy Research from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Marsh, is University Professor of History and an IFH Core Faculty Member.



*Left: New Zealand's Chief Allied Health Professions Officer and Harkenss Fellow Dr. Martin Chadwick, DHSc, MHS, talks about his country's socialized health care system Oct. 10 at IFH.*

## Events & Community



*Right: Chicago resident Kathy Lovitt watches as a video about her mother's life plays during a talk about caregiving Oct. 3 at IFH. • Top left: A recent photo of Kathy's mother. • Bottom left: Dr. XinQi Dong speaks with attendees from the Global Health Institute at a New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science event Oct. 2 at The Rutgers Club.*



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Brown Bag Seminar:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 31, "Ecological Understanding of the Causative Role of Gut Microbiota in Human Metabolic Diseases," with Dr. Liping Zhao, PhD, Eveleigh-Fenton Chair of Applied Microbiology, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.
- **Brown Bag Seminar:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 7, "Emerging Crisis of Aging Homeless," with Dr. Dennis Culhane, PhD, Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania.
- **Find IFH at GSA:** Gerontological Society of America Conference, Nov. 13-17. Contact Emily at [estirzaker@ifh.rutgers.edu](mailto:estirzaker@ifh.rutgers.edu) for info.
- **Brown Bag Seminar:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21, "Cross-National Study of Major Mental Disorders," with Dr. Javier Escobar, MD, MSc, Associate Dean for Global Health and Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- **Brown Bag Seminar:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 5, "David Mechanic Plenary Lecture," Dr. Gerald Dal Pan, MD, Director, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- **Brown Bag Seminar:** 12 to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 12, "Topics within Asian American Cardiovascular Health," Dr. Nadia Islam, PhD, Associate Professor, Section for Health Equity, New York University.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

We're looking forward to our Strategic Planning Retreat on Oct. 24 and 25 at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch.

The retreat will feature two days of discussions surrounding future visions as a institution.

Dr. Mark Gourevitch, Chair of New York University's Department of Population Health, and Dr. Richard McCormick, President Emeritus of Rutgers University will be distinguished keynote speakers.

Any last minute inquiries can be addressed to Natalie at [ntuseth@ifh.rutgers.edu](mailto:ntuseth@ifh.rutgers.edu).



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