

IFH INSIGHTS

Quarterly News from Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

Celebrating Faculty Legacies

This spring, multiple faculty members celebrated historic milestones at Rutgers. Kathleen Pottick, an IFH faculty member of 36 years and Professor of Social Work, celebrated her retirement from Rutgers at a party hosted by the School of Social Work. Michael Yedidia, an IFH faculty member, Research Professor and Senior Medical Sociologist with the Center for State Health Policy for 18 years, will celebrate his retirement over the next few months.



Pictured: Jonathan Thompson and Kathleen Pottick (middle), Margaret Marsh shares remarks about Kathleen during the celebration (right)



Pictured: Michael Yedidia reflects on his career during IFH's Town Hall



Pictured: Kathleen Pottick, Stephen Crystal, Margaret Marsh and Dee Magnoni at IFH's Town Hall

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Faculty & Trainees Awarded

Login George, core member in IFH's Center for Healthy Aging Research, received the Excellence in Research Award from the New Jersey Health Foundation.



John Palatucci, Medicaid Research Scholar in IFH's Center for State Health Policy, received the Rutgers School of Public Health Stuart D. Cook Excellence in Research Award for his dissertation.

Elizabeth Stone, core member of IFH's Center for Health Services Research, won the Scholarship Award for Research from the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities's Student and Early



Career Professionals Interest Network with the presentation, "Inter-agency Coordination Related to Co-occurring Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Conditions."



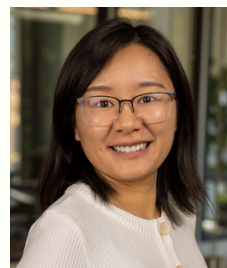
Ishani Mhatre of Zeeshan Ahmed's lab won the Excellence in Research Award at the Senior Recognition Ceremony hosted by the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation at Rutgers.

Faculty & Staff Updates



Nir Eyal, director of the Center for Population-Level Bioethics, was appointed the first holder of the Dr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Bergen Jr. Chair in Biomedical Ethics.

Jonathan Thompson assumed leadership of IFH's Office of Computing and was promoted to Associate Director.



Yanping Jiang was recently promoted to Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. Jiang is also a core faculty member in IFH's Center for Population Behavioral Health. *Congratulations to all!*

Internship Begins

IFH's Summer Research Internship Program kicked off in June. 12 interns were selected and paired up with faculty mentorship teams to work together on research this summer. Research topics range from psychotropic medication use to cancer screening improvement to vaccine hesitancy to end-of-life care.

*Please save the date for the interns' final presentations on **Tuesday, August 13.***

NEW FACES



Mara Sheftel
Instructor, CSHP & SPH

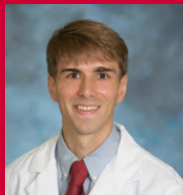


Angelina Lowder
Executive Assistant, CSHP



Jialiang Hua
Research Project Manager, CHSR

NEW GRANTS



Benjamin Bates (PETS)

Evaluating, Preparing, and Responding to
Care Disruptions and Health Outcomes
Among Patients with Breast Cancer
Following Severe Storms

Sponsor: National Cancer Institute/NIH



Margaret Koller (CSHP)

Landscape Analysis to Inform New Jersey's
Vaccine Purchasing Strategy

Sponsor: NJ Department of Health



Stephen Crystal (CHSR)

Improving Outcomes and Equity for
Released Prisoners with SUD: Trajectories of
Participation in Pre-Release and Post-
Release MOUD, Peer Navigation, and
Outcomes

Sponsor: National Institute on Drug
Abuse/NIH



Richard Marlink (RGHI)

Support to Create a Planning Committee
for a Global Consortium to Expand the
Oncology Workforce (Go Together)

Sponsor: Bristol-Myers Squibb
Foundation



Tammy Chung (CPBH)

Cannabis effects on physical and mental
health in medical cannabis patients

Sponsor: National Institute on Drug
Abuse/NIH



Marie Sizemore (CPBH)

Utilizing JITA EMI data from an MRT pilot
to optimize mind-body interventions for
SMM LWH

Subaward from: University of Connecticut
Prime Originating Sponsor: NIH



Ubydul Haque (RGHI)

Innovative approaches to overcome vaccine
hesitancy and increase coverage in Ukraine

Sponsor: Rutgers University (Rutgers
Global Health Seed Grant)

Received an award? Recognized at a
conference?

Send all your good news to Nicole
Swenarton to be featured in future
newsletters and on IFH's social media.



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New Work-in-Progress Series

The Krieger Klein Alzheimer's Research Center in the Brain Health Institute is organizing a series of translational work-in-progress talks (ADRD-TWIP).

What is the purpose of the ADRD TWIP series?

To be a sounding board for the AD research going on at Rutgers. This series will: 1. Give students, postdoctoral scientists, and faculty opportunities to practice research talks for a conference, discuss specific aims for a grant, reviewer feedback to papers and grants, or discuss experimental design and results. 2. Expose clinical faculty research to basic science audiences and vice versa. 3. Foster collaborations between basic and clinical scientists to enhance opportunities for translation from human to basic models to identify novel mechanisms of disease and from basic models to the human realm as new biomarkers and treatments for ADRD.

What is the structure of the ADRD-TWIP presentation? The structure of the presentation will be determined by the presenter, but, in general it will be 20 minutes discussing the topic of interest & 40 minutes Q&A conversation to help the discussant resolve concern. You do not need a polished presentation to sign up! You need to have a scientific question or a problem that as a group we can help you resolve, clarify or improve. The clinical and basic scientist must be able to understand what the other is presenting.

Who can participate? Any member of the Rutgers community interested in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The goal is to alternate between clinical and basic presentations to open new opportunities for translational research and for discussions from different point of views.

When and where are the meetings? Every first Wednesday of the month at noon. They will be hybrid, physically at the presenter's location, and via Zoom. A pizza lunch and soft drinks will be provided!

How can I sign up? This series will start on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024. [Register here, today!](#) (Visit IFH news section for link)

IFH in the Media

William Hu, director of IFH's Center for Healthy Aging Research, was interviewed on NJ Spotlight News (PBS) about his recent study on brain fog and long COVID.



Stephen Crystal, director of IFH's Center for Health Services Research, was interviewed for a special report from Associated Press and CNHI News about nursing home staffing shortages.



Resource Corner

Did you know Rutgers offers a free link shortener and QR code generator?

Check out the official Rutgers URL Shortener at <https://go.rutgers.edu/app/shrunk-login>.



IFH now has a communal coffee machine available for use in the 2nd floor kitchen. Help yourself!