

IFH INSIGHTS

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

IFH Names Leventhal Scholars

Congratulations to Rutgers doctoral students Nora Sullivan and Yingning Xie, who were awarded the 2025 Howard Leventhal Scholarship for Trainees. The scholarship selection committee selects two students annually to receive the funds to pursue independent research and jump-start their investigative careers.

Sullivan, who is pursuing her doctorate in social work from Rutgers School of Social Work, is focusing her research on faith-based organizations offering permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, known as a Housing First approach. She aims to better understand the intersections of faith-based and Housing First approaches to inform future interventions and funding decisions for homelessness services.



Nora Sullivan, MSW, M.Div.



Yingning Xie, MSc, MA

Yingning Xie (Ningning), who is pursuing his doctorate in planning and public policy from the Rutgers Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, is focusing his research on car-less immigrants and their access to high-quality health-related destinations, as well as the impact of affordable mobility tools such as e-bikes. He will also explore immigrants' perceptions of their transportation accessibility and how transportation constraints affect their access to health-related services.

Howard Leventhal, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and Rutgers Board of Governors Professor, furthered health psychology research through theoretical and empirical contributions spanning the fields of emotion, illness behavior, and illness attribution.

Call for Pilot Applications

Interested in studying the intersection of psychosocial risk factors, detection, health outcomes and Alzheimer's disease and related dementias?

The Rutgers-NYU Resource Center for Alzheimer's and Dementia in Asian and Pacific Americans (RCASIA) is requesting applications for pilot project proposals in this area. Awards of up to \$50,000 each will support collaborative and innovative projects focused on Southeast Asian subgroups.

Applications should be submitted to RCMAR@ifh.rutgers.edu by May 1.

Eligibility:

- Advanced post-doctoral fellows or junior faculty who are interested in becoming independent investigators and pursuing health research related to AD/ADRD.
- Each Scientist must have a Primary Mentor at their home institution.
- Investigators who previously or currently receive NIH R01 level or equivalent funding are not eligible.
- Scientists from R2 Universities in the NYC/NJ area are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Alzheimer's Researchers Gather at Retreat

The Rutgers-NYU Resource Center for Alzheimer's and Dementia Research in Asian and Pacific Americans (RCASIA) hosted its annual retreat in February at the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. RCASIA and its retreat represent a joining of forces by experts in Alzheimer's and related dementias-related behavioral, social, and economic research.

The event featured keynote speeches from Richard Lui, MSNBC/NBC News Anchor, civil rights reporter, author and filmmaker, and Hae-Ra Han, Professor and Elsie M. Lawler Endowed Chair at Johns Hopkins University.

Opening and closing remarks were delivered by RCASIA M-PI's, IFH's William Hu and NYU's Bei Wu. RCASIA Research Scientists, NYU's Yaguang Zheng UT Austin's Yaolin Pei, delivered presentations on their research.

Center cores provided updates on their work and facilitated group discussions, and RCASIA Leadership Trainees led a Responsible Conduct in Research seminar. Finally, year 1 and 2 Pilot Scientists showcased their research in a poster presentation.



Richard Lui



Hae-Ra Han



Poster presentations



Yaolin Pei

IFH Hosts Gubernatorial Forum

In February, IFH hosted 5 candidates for governor of New Jersey for an educational forum on the environment and public health in partnership with the NJ League for Conservation Voters Education Fund and NJ PBS' NJ Spotlight News.

Candidates including U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D), Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop (D), Newark Mayor Ras Baraka (D), NJEA President Sean Spiller (D), and NJ State Senator Jon Bramnick (R) joined the conversation moderated by Joanna Gaggis of NJ Spotlight News. The candidates discussed their positions on offshore wind, clean drinking water, air pollution, and public health.

Annah Kuriakose, Sean Spiller,
Soko Setoguchi

The candidates will face off in the primary election on June 10.

The forum streamed live and aired on TV on NJ Spotlight News. In case you missed it, check out the conversation on YouTube at www.youtube.com/live/s-rFwciicpQ



NEW FACES



Dina Belloff

Research Project Manager,
CSHP



Haley Horvath

Research Teaching Specialist IV,
CHAR



Naveen Korrapati

Research Associate III,
CHAR



Akankshi Oberoi

Research Teaching Specialist III,
ADRD



Lifang Pan

Data Analyst, CSHP



Anushka Purkayastha

Research Assistant, CSHP



Hilary "Tianyi" Yang

Research Project Assistant,
CCHH & CAHPE



Leslie Zhen

Research Project Coordinator II,
CPBH

NEW GRANTS



CARRA Registry & Komodo Data Linkage Project

**Sponsor: Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology
Research Alliance**

Daniel Horton (PETS)



Development and testing of health equity measures
in home health care for Medicare beneficiaries

**Subaward from the University of Pennsylvania
Prime Originating Sponsor:
National Institute on Aging/NIH**

Olga Jarrín Montaner

Marlink Named Innovate100 Leader

Richard Marlink, director of the Rutgers Global Health Institute and Henry Rutgers Professor of Global Health, was named an Innovate100 Leader. According to New Jersey Business Magazine, “The annual



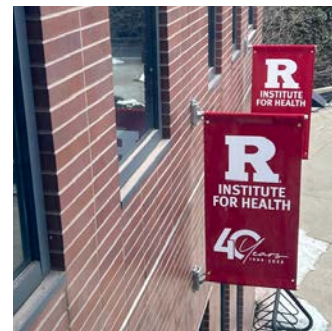
INNOVATE100 initiative, spearheaded by James Barrood and Innovation+, is designed to highlight and elevate the state’s finest innovation leaders and to showcase collaboration within companies and among organizations.”

Leaders from across the state will be honored at an event in New Brunswick in May. Learn more at innovatenewjersey.com.



Celebrating IFH40

Check out the new 40th anniversary banners at 112 Paterson Street!



Upcoming Events



Save the date:

- Tuesday, June 10: Spring Town Hall and Luncheon at IFH
- Thursday, October 9: IFH 40th anniversary celebration at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick

Resource Corner



Did you know IFH has a Lactation Room and a Meditation Room available to reserve?

Lactation Room #206

Email a calendar invite with the location “IFH Lactation Room” to reserve

Meditation Room #205

Email a calendar invite with the location “IFH Meditation Room” to reserve