Annual Report: Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science, Public Health-Global Health Major
July 2021 through June 2022

Thank you to all the students, alumni, faculty, and staff, along with colleagues across the School of Public Health and University of Washington and community partners, who made the 2021-2022 academic year memorable! The COVID-19 pandemic continued to present challenges into a second year, including causing teaching, learning, and staffing to shift between in-person and virtual formats. Everyone continued to extend grace and support to ensure students fulfilled their academic goals. Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed working and studying in their new spaces in the Hans Rosling Center for Population Health.

People, Program, & Degree Highlights:

**Bárbara Baquero**, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor in HSPop, was officially named the Program Director in July 2021. She previously served as Interim Director in academic year 2020-2021.

**Heran Kidane**, MPH, MSSW joined the program as the Adviser & Health and Wellness Coordinator in September 2021. She provides academic advising to current majors, administers departmental honors, and coordinates health and wellness initiatives.

**Karen Sanchez** (c/o 2020), BA, BS joined the program as the Academic Adviser in January 2022. She provides academic advising to prospective students and current majors.

**Chelsea Elkins**, MPH served as a Graduate Student Assistant from September 2021 to June 2022. She provided administrative support for experiential learning, including capstone and internships, and conducted an experiential learning survey.

**Roxanne Kerani**, PhD, MPH, Research Assistant Professor in Allergy & Infectious Disease and Adjunct Assistant Professor in Epidemiology, and **Rena Patel**, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor in Allergy & Infectious Disease, joined SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health. Roxanne and Rena will transition to SPH 495: Public Health Internship in the 2022-2023 academic year.


**Roxana Chen**, PhD, MPH, Affiliate Assistant Professor in Health Systems and Population Health, and **Keshet Ronen**, PhD, MPH, Acting Assistant Professor in Global Health, joined SPH 494: Honors Seminar in Public Health.

Celebrating the Program’s 10 Year Anniversary: The Major celebrated its 10th anniversary since its inception in 2011. Events are planned for the next academic year to celebrate and network with alumni, students, staff and faculty.

Congratulation Graduates! The Major graduated 290 students over the course of the academic year. In total, 2018 students have earned bachelor’s degrees in the Major since its inception.

**SPH 496: Public Health Capstone**: Instituted a one-quarter version of capstone, meeting the same competencies and learning objectives as the two-quarter version.

Five-Year Strategic Plan: Program leadership and staff, with contributions from faculty, students, alumni, and administrators drafted a strategic plan to guide the Major over the course of the next five years. Goal areas include: review and align the curriculum with values and community needs; implement antiracist paradigms and pedagogies; and adjust program structures and operations to enable sustainability and growth.

Student & Academic Services Highlights:

- Student and academic services expanded with additional prospective advising and referrals to resources
- Hired Student Resource Coordinators to build community among students through events and form connections in person and social media
- Facilitated in-class workshops and alumni panels on topics including: social identity, systemic power, job search strategies, & more

PH-GH Goals for 2022-2023

- Begin implementing the five-year strategic plan including developing an assessment plan to measure progress and ensure accountability
- Launch the Teaching Associate Fellowship geared toward recently-graduated doctoral students with interest in teaching as a profession
- Continue integration of EDI, career development, and health and wellness with curricular and co-curricular activities
Admissions & Enrollment Demographics for 2021-2022:

- **Bachelor of Arts**: 122 (40.4%) | **Bachelor of Science**: 180 (59.6%)
- **Female**: 244 (80.8%) | **Male**: 46 (15.2%) | **Non-Binary**: 2 (0.7%) | **Undisclosed**: 10 (3.3%)
- **Transfer**: 14 (4.6%) | **First-generation college student**: 123 (40.7%)

Collaboration Highlights:

- Collaborated with **Educational Opportunity Program** and the **College Assistance Migrant Program** to host quarterly all-school information sessions and application workshops for first-generation, low income, and underrepresented minority (URM) students
- Expanded the PH-GH Major’s Admissions Committee to include faculty and graduate student admissions readers
- Partnered across SPH programs through the **SPH Career Workgroup** to develop a SPH career development plan
- **Capstone** student projects partnered with **Vulnerable Populations Strategic Initiative** to teach heart attack, stroke, and fire prevention to older adults and anti-Asian hate prevention; **WA West African Center** to create COVID-19 vaccine promotion videos and after-school curriculum; **WA State History Museum** to conduct oral histories with COVID-19 first responders; **RoomOne** to create informational brochures and videos about rural health; **Center for Health Sciences Interprofessional Education, Research, and Practice** to conduct surveys of students and faculty on service learning to improve their training opportunities for students; **WA State Department of Health** to create fall prevention curriculum; and **National Asian Pacific Center on Aging** to create promotional videos.

Alumni Council

Welcome to the new board: Elizabeth Lindo (‘21), President; Andrea Ordonio (‘21), Communications Chair; Jakar Delacruz (‘21), Mentorship Chair; Lori Mae Yvette Calibuso Acob (‘22), Social Chair; Nasiha Hussain (‘18), Alumni Relations Chair

Students & Graduates

The school-wide major fits with a range of student interests and career trajectories, including graduate work in all areas of public health, health and allied health professional programs, non-health graduate work (law, business, administration), non-profit agencies, for-profit agencies, and service. Here are a few recent students & alumni:

**Najma Abdi (2022)** was the recipient of the SPH Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

**Lori Mae Yvette Calibuso Acob (2022)** was the recipient of the SPH Outstanding Community Service Student Award and WSPHA Exceptional Student Award

**Brian Cedeño (2016)**, a 3rd-year med student at the UW School of Medicine, researched microaggressions in clinical rotations and how to make them more equitable for BIPOC students

**Gabriela Claravall (2022)** and Tiara Schwarze-Taufiq (2022) were recipients of the Husky 100 Award

**Brittney Dias (2021)** founded the organization Looking Lens, where they are the Chief Executive Officer

**Jerlin Dizon (2021)** is working as a Patient Care Coordinator at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

**Tasfay Gebieyesus (2023)** was the awarded UW INSIGHT’s academic distinction

**Effy Jin (2021)** is starting their first year of UW Dental School

**Lyndsey Kovacich (2020)** graduated from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health with an MPH in Population and Family Health and will be working with Every Mother Counts as a Program Associate for Grant Making and Impact

**Sydney McMaster (2018)** is now on the Board of Directors for the College Success Foundation

**Emma Spickard (2019)** was selected as one of the School of Public Health’s 50 Changemakers

**Hannah Wong (2019)** graduated from UW SPH with a MHA and is an Administrative Fellow with MultiCare Health System.