

A Closer Look A Closer Look

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Dean's Message: Climate Change and Health Center Launched

The signs of climate change are everywhere and cannot be denied or ignored. The effect on public health is already being felt and it is likely to become increasingly severe.

To address this emerging and urgent need, the Yale School of Public Health has launched The Yale Center on Climate Change and Health (YCCCCH). This center will utilize research, education, public health practice and service to contribute to a stable and safe climate in which human health and ecosystems thrive.

YCCCCH will fundamentally reshape the way that the Yale School of Public Health—and Yale—address climate change. It is a significant step forward for our school and I am excited to see the important contributions our new center will make to our understanding of climate change and how we might mitigate human suffering.

Directed by Professor Robert Dubrow, the center will emphasize interdisciplinary research with our sister schools at Yale. It already has over two dozen affiliated faculty from throughout the university. Similarly, we will engage students from across Yale and, as always, will be looking for collaborations with scientists from other institutions to address this critical challenge together.

[Learn more about YCCCCH's launch.](#)

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVANCES



Yale Study Urges Life-saving Drug Treatment to Combat Ukraine's HIV Epidemic

The Lancet

Scaling up use of methadone and buprenorphine — medications for treating opioid use disorder known as opioid agonist therapies (OATs) — could greatly reduce HIV transmission rates and prevent deaths in Ukraine.

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Threat of Toxic Chemicals Draws Scores of Experts to Yale School of Public Health

A class of manmade chemicals widely used in consumer goods since World War II—the toxicity of which is featured in the current movie *Dark Waters*—drew dozens of experts to the Yale School of Public Health.

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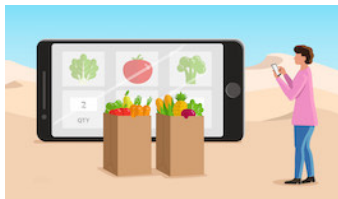


Study Exposes Surprise Billing by Hospital Physicians

Health Affairs

Patients with private health insurance face a serious risk of being treated and billed by an out-of-network doctor when they receive care at in-network hospitals, a new study by Yale researchers finds.

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Click, Click, Cook: Online Grocery Shopping Leaves ‘Food Deserts’ Behind

JAMA Open Network

There’s a new path out of the “food desert,” and it’s as close as the nearest Internet connection. An analysis finds that most people in “food deserts” in eight states would increase their access to healthy, nutritious food if they purchase groceries online.

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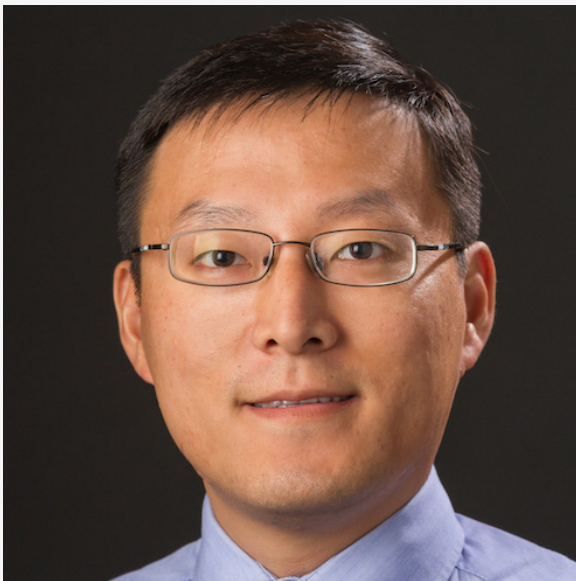
Prying into the Origins of Disease, Experts Gather for Scientific Imaging

YSPH Symposium

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences hosts a daylong symposium on mass spectrometry that drew experts from industry and academia to compare how they are using imaging technology to pry deeper into biology—and disease.

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MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



The Guardian

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New York Times (Op-Ed)

Is America Ready for Another Outbreak?

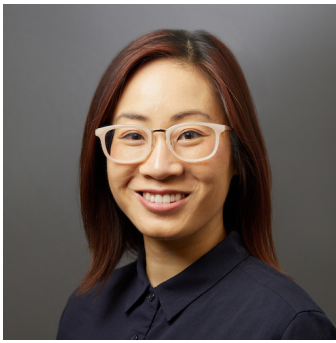
Saad Omer, Ph.D.

Director, Yale Institute for Global Health; Professor

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NOTABLE

New Faculty Friday: Jamie Tam, Tobacco Use Expert,



Modeling Scientist, Country Western Dancer

The Yale School of Public Health proudly welcomes 13 new tenure track faculty this academic year. These individuals bring a broad range of research, scholarship, and teaching expertise to the school and will be instrumental in helping us address many of the public health challenges of the 21st century. In this issue we feature Jamie Tan.

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UPCOMING



Katie Scharf Dykes, Connecticut's Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, will visit the Yale School of Public Health on February 19 at noon to discuss environmental policy in Connecticut.

[View all the upcoming events at YSPH on our school calendar.](#)

FINAL SHOT



Alumni Groups Recognized for Promoting Diversity

Kevin Nelson (right), MPH '92, former president of the Association of Yale Alumni in Public Health (AYAPH) and former chair of its Emerging Majority Affairs Committee (EMAC) and Tassos Kyriakides, current AYAPH

president, at a recent awards ceremony honoring the alumni boards for their work in promoting diversity at the Yale School of Public Health.

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Dean's Message

Responding to Coronavirus

The current coronavirus pandemic is on everyone's mind as its prevalence increases. Questions about its origin, transmission and treatment mount daily. YSPH and YIGH experts and affiliates have sprung into action to help model its spread, increase awareness with accurate scientific information and are working to support an effective global response.

See the [YSPH site](#) where our researchers' various media efforts are coalesced, and the [video of the February 6 Forum on the Outbreak of Novel Coronavirus](#), hosted by YIGH, YSPH and the Yale Global Health Justice Partnership.

I wish to remind the YSPH community that our values reflect an ethos of respect, compassion and service for all, regardless of our backgrounds.

Please, be kind and be well.

Sten



Dean's Lecture

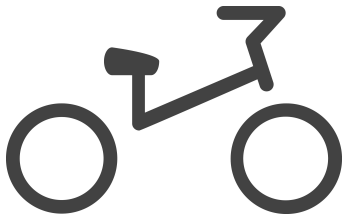
Katie S. Dykes, commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, will address the state's environmental policy in a Dean's Lecture on Feb. 19 at noon in Winslow Auditorium. The lecture is in collaboration with an Environmental Health Sciences Seminar. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Women at 50 Yale 150

50WomenAtYale150 Spring Line-up

The campus-wide celebration of the 50th anniversary of coeducation in Yale College and the 150th anniversary of women students at the university continues this academic year. Peruse a listing of [Yale events](#) and mark your calendar for these YSPH spring activities.

- Frank Black Lecture and Department of Epidemiology and Microbial Diseases Seminar honoring Nancy Ruddle, PhD – [February 20, 2020, 12:00-1:30, 47 College St., Room 106B](#)
- International Women's Day – March 8, 2020 – Social media highlighting global YSPH alumnae
- YSPH PhD Alumnae Research Symposium – [April 27, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., Winslow Auditorium](#); 11 speakers/recipients of the PhD Alumnae Research Awards
- YSPH Commencement speaker is distinguished YSPH alumna, Elizabeth Bradley, PhD, President, Vassar College – [May 18, 2020](#)
- Artspace in the dean's office display case will focus on the 50WomenAtYale150 theme



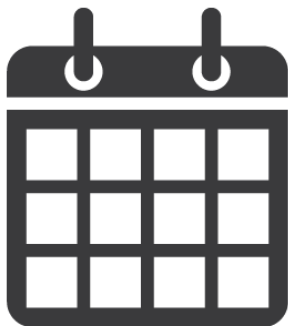
Sustainability: Commuter Spotlight

Forrest Crawford, an associate professor in the Department of Biostatistics, lives in Hamden and commutes either by bus or bicycle to YSPH. He put ease of commuting as a top priority when he came to Yale and finds his commute to be fast and sustainable. He gets pre-tax bus passes through [Yale's Commuter Benefits Program](#) (scroll to Transit Commuting), making it that much more convenient and cost-effective. When he commutes by bus, he gets to see friends and colleagues who also take the bus.

When he bikes, he takes the Farmington Canal trail to campus and then a bike lane on High Street. Commuting by bus or bike provides eco-conscious ways for Forrest to get to work with relative ease and without the headache of having to find or pay for parking!

To learn more about sustainable commuting options, [check out the resources provided at Yale's website.](#)

Nominate someone to be highlighted in next month's commuter spotlight with this [form](#) (self-nominations accepted!)



Calling All Entrepreneurs Apply for Funding (Through March 15)

The **Thorne Prize for Social Innovation in Health or Education** is a \$25,000 prize is awarded by InnovateHealth Yale to the best student-led venture focused on social innovation in health or education anywhere in the world. You may apply through the Start-Up Yale application below.

The **Rita Wilson Prize Fund in support of Innovation and Entrepreneurship** is a \$10,000 prize awarded by InnovateHealth Yale to the best student-led venture focused on creating a technological solution to address a health disparity in the United States. You may apply through the Start-Up Yale application below.

[View the Start-Up Yale application here.](#) To review FAQs and get help with your application, [visit IHY's website.](#)



Awards and Honors

Assistant Professor **Nicole Deziel** has been named to the National Academies of Sciences Standing Committee on Emerging Science for Environmental Health Decisions.

Professor **Rafael Perez-Escamilla** received the 2020 Kellogg Prize for Lifetime Achievements in International Nutrition from the American Society for Nutrition.



Appointments and Promotions

Monica Araujo Batalha, Postgraduate Fellow, SBS

Anna Bellach, Postdoctoral Associate, BIO

Stacey Bonet, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs

Olivia Campbell, Research Assistant, EMD

Jonathan Colon, Health Navigator-Research Aide, CDE

Mauro Diaz-Hernandez, Program Administrator, EHS

Gail D'Onofrio, Secondary appointment as Professor, CDE

Dong Gao, Postdoctoral Associate, EHS

Yasemin Kavak, Biostatistician, BIO

Sophie Lang, Postgraduate Fellow, SBS

Erica McLean, Portfolio Associate, OFA

Laura Myer, Sr. Administrative Assistant, OFA

Brita Roy, Secondary appointment as Assistant Professor, CDE
Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu, Associate Research Scientist, CDE

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