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## Dean's Message

### Volunteerism – Opportunities, Resources and the Annual Day of Service

YSPH Colleagues,

In these times of high public health energy, urgency and anxiety, I am truly inspired by your collective spirit.

Members of our community embody the mission of public health. Not the least of your efforts is that of volunteerism. You are working with our health departments in contact tracing, our university in phone banking, our school in researching and writing for our multiple constituencies, and our social service agencies delivering food to our neighbors, phone-tutoring students, and reaching out to isolated shut-in individuals. [YSPH is engaged in a national](#)

[community health worker training initiative.](#)

Our researchers are providing forecasting and policy guidance and are researching the virus and its immunologic impact. We are helping our partners in Africa and Asia prepare for their outbreaks, even as we have received guidance from our Chinese colleagues based on their earlier experiences. Clinicians in the school are working side-by-side with their YSM counterparts in patient care.

Most importantly, we are supporting each other through the loss of loved ones, professional colleagues and community members. The need continues in the New Haven area and across the globe, so I write today with ongoing opportunities, resources and an announcement about our annual Day of Service in May.

*If you have already volunteered in any capacity in any location, or if you are still interested in doing so, please complete this [very brief survey](#).*

There are two portals available for volunteer opportunities in the local [Greater New Haven community](#). The first is through the United Way of Greater New Haven. The second is through [NewHavenHelpWithCovid.com](#), a New Haven-wide volunteer management platform created by Yale students where Yale, local university students and residents of New Haven can apply for on-site or remote COVID-19 volunteer positions, and where local non-profits and government can recruit and onboard volunteers quickly. You can also follow it on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or sign up for the [newsletter](#) to receive updates on the latest openings.

Specifically for students interested in community service learning and applied practice experience, a new resource section has been created with SAYPH's counsel on the [myYSPH COVID](#) site. If you would like to donate for food or other compelling community needs, here is one option, in the words of President Salovey, "[Yale] will fully match every dollar given by faculty, students, and staff up to our \$5 million goal. The fund will be managed by Yale's Office of New Haven Affairs. To contribute to this fund, [here's the link](#)."

With deep regret, we must cancel this year's YSPH Day of Service, scheduled previously for Monday, May 11, 2020. In lieu of hands-on activities, virtual projects are being offered through the [Yale Alumni Association \(YAA\)](#). The YAA is also planning a [digital gathering on Saturday, May 9th](#) for the global service community, with details still being finalized. I look forward to our 2021 YSPH Day of Service in person!

For most of us, however, each and every day is a new Yale Day of Service in this time of public health crisis. Stay engaged and virtually connected. Physical distancing and social cohesion are our goals!

- Sten



## BYOYSPH

### **Sustainability: BYO for all at YSPH? - We need your vote!**

We understand it may seem odd to share this survey amidst the COVID-19 public health crisis, but we don't want the [50th Anniversary of Earth Day](#) (April 22) to slip by while climate change is still a looming priority. This year's theme is Climate Action – and we propose YSPH take bold action by becoming a BYO leader by eliminating single-use plastics and other items from catered events. [Share your vote](#) in under two minutes!

**Why?:** Global plastics production has quadrupled over the past four decades. With the boom in fracked oil and natural gas—raw materials for plastics manufacturing—and the resultant oil and gas glut, fossil fuel companies are aggressively building new plastics manufacturing plants, with a projection that plastics production will grow 3.5 percent to 4 percent yearly through at least 2035. This growth, along with the ubiquity of toxic single-use plastics, has grave implications for public health, the environment (especially biodiversity) and climate change (plastics = large carbon footprint). **The Yale School of Public Health can become a model for the university and for other schools of public health by developing and implementing policies to eliminate single-use plastics (and other single-use items) at catered events.**

[Let us know this week what you think!](#)

Wishing everyone good health and positive spirits, the YSPH Sustainability Committee



## Communications Corner

New items on [PUBLICHEALTH.YALE.EDU](http://PUBLICHEALTH.YALE.EDU)

- [Access new YSPH-themed background images for use on Zoom.](#)
- [Access the latest YSPH information on COVID-19.](#)



# Arts and Wellness Resources from the HAPPY Initiative

The Humanities, Arts and Public Health Practice at Yale (HAPPY) Initiative at the Yale School of Public Health promotes work at the intersection of arts and wellness. The plethora of resources being offered by the arts community in this time of social distancing shows the necessity of arts in supporting mental health, coping with crisis and community cohesion. Below are some resources for free arts access during this time – including incredible opportunities to explore museums, performances and music not previously accessible in this way.

## **Pandemic Archive at YSPH:**

Let us know how arts and humanities are helping you stay well during this pandemic—HAPPY is launching a new archive of life during COVID-19. Our goal is to document the human experience of this public health crisis through submissions of writing, artwork, video or music. Submissions will be available digitally in the present and archived for future generations. Check the YSPH site soon, read the next Public Health Insider or email [Taiga Christie](#) for the call for submissions.

## **Free Museum Resources:**

- [Google Arts and Culture Project, including museum tours, videos, music and crafts tutorials](#)
- [Smithsonian learning lab](#)
- [American Museum of Natural History online resources](#)
- [Met Museum online resources](#)
- [Bronx Museum online resources](#)
- [Jewish Museum online resources](#)
- [Museum of the City of New York online resources](#)
- [MoMA online resources](#)
- [MoMA online art history courses](#)

### Free Music:

- [Jazz at Lincoln Center](#)
- [Met Opera nightly stream](#)
- [Seattle Symphony performances](#)
- [NPR Tiny Desk Concerts](#)
- [Lincoln Center at home](#)

### Free Theatre:

- [The National Theatre in London "Theatre at Home" Series](#)
- [Shakespeare plays at the Globe Theatre](#)

### Free Television:

- [American Archive of Public Broadcasts](#)
- [Arte TV](#)
- [Arts and Music at PBS](#)

### Book Clubs and Festivals/ Multiple Resources:

- [NYPL Book Club](#)
- [Social Distancing Festival: Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Theatre](#)



## Grants

**Emily Davidson**, second year Ph.D. student in a combined degree program with EHS and Cellular & Molecular Physiology, received a three-year grant for \$138,000. Her research is investigating the role of glutathione biosynthesis in mechanisms of insulin secretion from the pancreatic beta-cell.

**Ana Rosen-Vollmar**, fourth year Ph.D. student in public health, EHS, received a two-year dissertation grant for \$75,931. Her research is on the effect of phenol exposure on reproductive function and the urinary metabolome.

**Phoebe Tran**, fourth year Ph.D. student in public health, CDE,

received a three-year dissertation grant for \$121,445. Her research is on the influence of air pollution on 2014-2015 national-, regional-, and state-level ischemic stroke hospitalization and 30-day, all-cause hospital readmission in older adults in the United States.



## Appointments and Promotions

**Sally Alsup**, Community Health Educator, CDE

**Valancia Ariyanayagam**, Pre-Award Assistant Administrator, OFA

**Katherine La Monaca**, Research Associate (internal transfer),  
CDE

**William Tootle**, Senior Administrative Assistant, CMIPS



## Births

Congratulations to Ashely Hagaman, Assistant Professor in SBS, who gave birth to Cedar Goble Hagaman on March 25. Baby Cedar weighed 6lbs 2oz and measured 19.5 inches.

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### 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

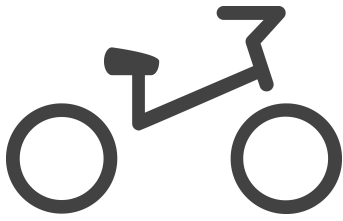
Katie S. Dykes, commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, will address the state's environmental policy in a Dean's Lecture on Feb. 19 at noon in Winslow Auditorium. The lecture is in collaboration with an Environmental Health Sciences Seminar. Refreshments will be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



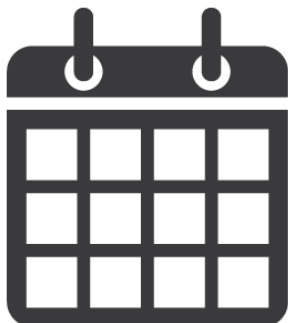
## Sustainability: Commuter Spotlight

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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