



Spring 2023 Newsletter



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Graduate Coordinator

Dr. Asher Santos is taking on the duties of Graduate Coordinator and Internship Coordinator. He is the first point of contact for questions and concerns regarding student services issues, internship placement, time reporting, and the Internship course (PH 693). Please don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Santos via email, or via the Consultations link below.

E-mail: asantos@csusm.edu
Consultations: [Click Here!](#)

Peer Writing Tutor

Our new Peer Writing Tutor, Lorenzo Cataquiz, can help build your outline structure, brainstorm ideas, and discuss the content of your paper. To make use of this resource, please schedule an appointment with Lorenzo via [this link](#) and make sure to submit your writing samples to him via email at cataq002@csusm.edu ahead of time.

Office Hours
Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00pm
Thursday 3:00-7:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2023

June 5	First Day of Class
July 4	Independence Day
July 8	Last Day of Summer 1
July 10	First day of Summer 2
August 12	Last Day of Class
August 17	Last Day of Summer 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS



PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIR CHAT



April 24th, 4:30-5:30pm

We cordially invite you to attend our second MPH Chair Chat and connect with our Department Chair, Dr. Christina Holub, our Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Santos, and MPH alumni!

Monday, April 24th 4:30-5:30pm
Food and refreshments will be provided.
limited student seats are available —
[reserve yours today!](#)

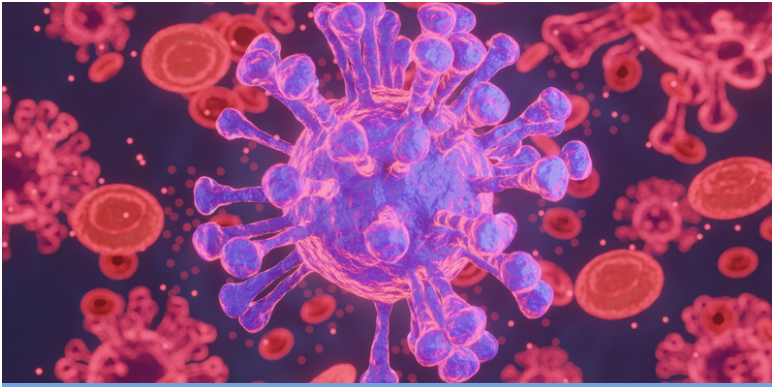
NEW PUBLIC HEALTH MINOR

Starting **Fall 2023**, we will be offering a **Minor in Public Health** to undergraduate students! This 15-unit minor features interdisciplinary coursework in Kinesiology and Human Development. and focuses on protecting and improving the health of people and their communities.

For more information on this exciting new addition to our program, please visit the [minor page](#) on our website.



RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS



2023 EPIDEMIOLOGY RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Thursday, April 27th 9:00am-4:00pm

The Epidemiology Research Exchange (Epi Exchange) is an annual conference established in San Diego in 1985. Epi Exchange gives researchers and students in San Diego a stage to present current research and emerging methodologies. It is an excellent and affordable opportunity to forge professional connections, expand one's horizons, and listen to research presentations from local colleagues.

For more information about this conference, please visit <https://publichealth.sdsu.edu/epiexchange>

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & RESOURCES



Peer Mentor Program

Fall 2023

Are you an established MPH student interested in connecting with your peers and providing guidance to incoming cohorts? If so, our Peer Mentor Program is for you! As an MPH Student Mentor, you will be assigned up to 3 mentees. You will meet with your mentees 2-3 times through the semester, in person or over Zoom.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please email publichealth@csusm.edu, subject line Fall 2023 Mentor Interest.

PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ramona Prado-Lyon, MPH
Class of 2017

Ramona Prado-Lyon is a Community Health Program Specialist at the County of San Diego HHS, in the Office of Strategy and Innovation, leading the Live Well San Diego Business Sector. She joined the County as a case investigator and transferred to her current position to support community health worker projects.



Most recently, Ramona led the 2023 Love Your Heart campaign, which is an annual event where organizations from across San Diego County, U.S. and Mexico join together to provide free blood pressure screenings to the public for a week in February. The campaign aims to increase awareness of heart disease and heart disease risk by empowering people to know their blood pressure numbers and what they mean.



**CSUSM GoPH
LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**



The Graduate Organization of Public Health (GoPH) is looking for multiple leadership positions this upcoming semester, including but not limited to:

- Vice President
- Public Relations
- Treasurer
- Event Coordinator

If you are interested in participating in GoPH as a student leader or have questions about the application process, time commitment, and position duties, please email your inquiry or completed application to publichealth@csusm.edu, subject line GoPH Leadership Inquiry for questions, or GoPH Leadership Application for applications.

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