



SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION CEREMONY

2021-2022



HUDSON
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The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER



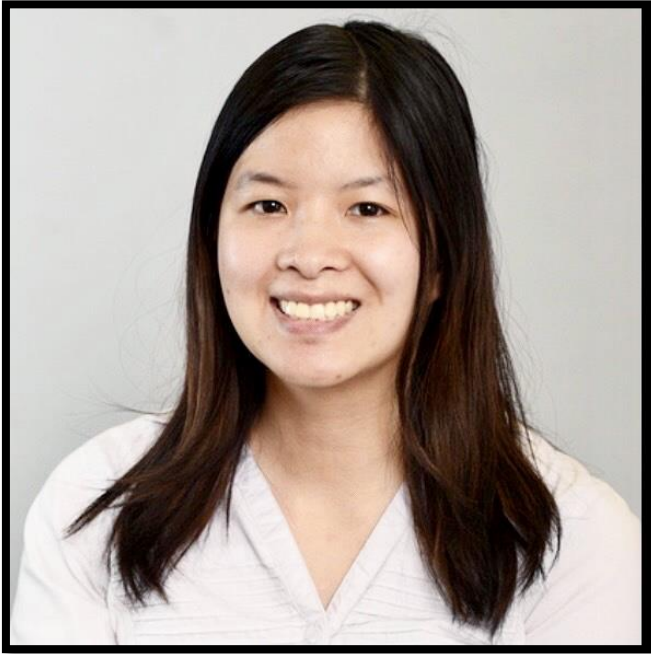
AZIMI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2017 by Mehdi Azimi, Ph.D.
- 1981 alumnus of the Hudson College of Public Health.
- Involved in the consultation practice of development, implementation and administration of public and environmental health and risk management through promotion and prevention for private companies, government agencies, health care facilities, hospitals and prison systems nationally and internationally.

AZIMI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Stephanie Vannarath

Master of Science, Industrial Hygiene, 2023

Stephanie is a second-year MS Industrial Hygiene student. She spent this summer working as an Environmental Health Sciences intern at a Boeing subsidiary called Aurora Flight Sciences where she assisted with the company's first ever safety audit. In her free time, Stephanie likes to program video games and spend time with her cat, dog, and hamster.

DR. ROD & SHIRLEY BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2018 by Dr. Shari Kinney, MPH, DrPH, in memory of her parents
- Dr. Rod Bradley practiced family medicine for 40 years
- Shirley Bradley was a registered nurse
- Together they initiated public health programs in the community such school immunizations and influenza vaccinations.

DR. ROD & SHIRLEY BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Gabrielle Westbrook

Master of Public Health, Health Administration and Policy, 2022



Gabbi is a second-year MPH student in the Department of Health Administration and Policy. She currently works as both a GRA with Dr. June Zhao, studying the allocative efficiency of CARES Act funding, and as an intern with the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET). Gabbi is an active student leader, serving as a Senator on the 2021-22 Hudson College of Public Health Student Government Association. Outside of work and class, she enjoys time with her family and dog, baking sourdough bread, and doing anything outside.

EDWARD N. BRANDT, JR. SCHOLARSHIP



1933 - 2007

- Established in 2004 to honor Edward N. Brandt, Jr., MD
- Professor Emeritus at OU Hudson College of Public Health and College of Medicine
- Executive Dean at OU College of Medicine
- Avid Sooner fan
- Served in leadership roles around the nation
- Appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Assistant Secretary of Health in the Department of Healthy and Human Services
- He was known as “Godfather of Women’s Health”
- Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Auditorium Dedication in 2020

EDWARD N. BRANDT, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



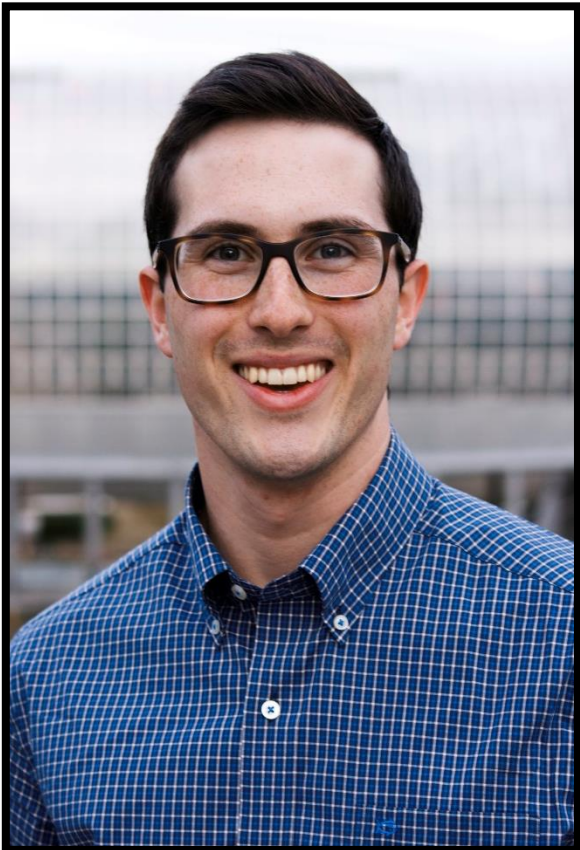
Araya Assfaw

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Health Promotion Sciences, 2023

Araya Dimtsu Assfaw is a fourth-year doctoral student and Hudson Fellow in Public Health. His focus is the health promotion of vulnerable population in order to reduce health disparity. Araya has worked on multiple research projects which has allowed him to participate on several poster and oral presentation on and off campus on diverse topics including food insecurity and nutrition, children's environmental health, and dementia care. In his free time Araya enjoys running.

EDWARD N. BRANDT, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

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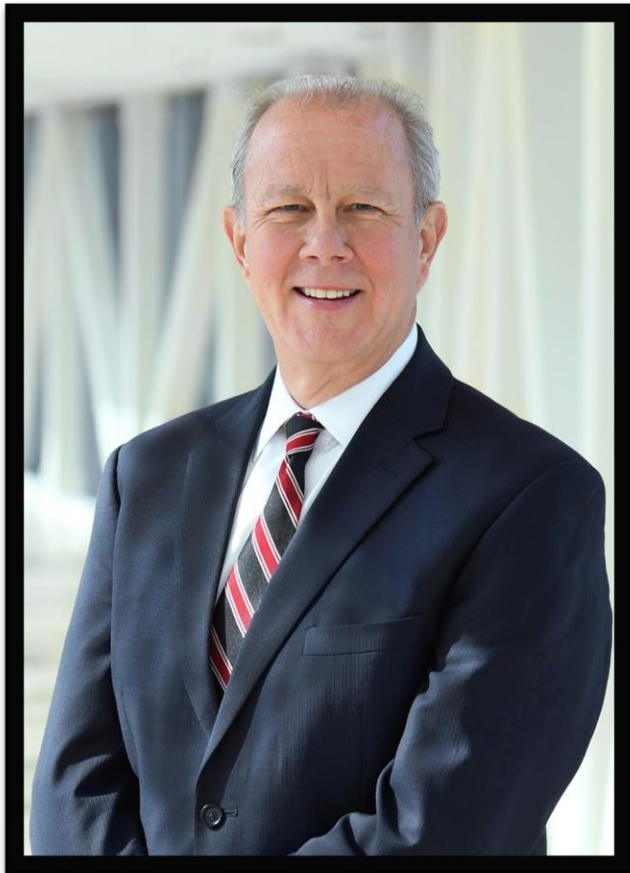
Tate Atkinson

MD, OU College of Medicine, 2025

Tate Atkinson graduated with his Masters of Public Health in Health Administration and Policy from the Hudson College of Public Health in the spring of 2021, and began his medical studies at OU this Fall.

He is interested in combining his experiences in public health and medicine to work towards improving the health of Oklahoma through community engagement and public policy. His interests include health equity, chronic disease prevention, and team based healthcare.

DALE W. BRATZLER SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2016 by Dr. Dale W. Bratzler
- 1996 MPH alumnus of the OU Hudson College of Public Health
- Chairman of the Department of Health Administration and Policy
- Chief Quality Officer, OU Enterprise
- Appointed as OU's Chief COVID Officer by OU President Joseph Harroz in 2020.
- Created to help students pursuing a MPH or MHA degree achieve their professional goals.

DALE W. BRATZLER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Abril Aguirre

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2022

Abril is a second year MHA student. She recently completed her administrative internship at OU Health. Being raised in Oklahoma, she enjoys serving the community and being an advocate for underserved populations through employment and volunteering. Her future career goals include operational work with focuses in quality improvement, leadership development, and patient experience efforts.

BURNS-SCHAIFF SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2016 by Dr. Robyn Burns-Schaiff and Dr. Tim Schaiff
- Met while earning their undergraduate degrees at University of Kansas
- Both earned doctoral degrees from University of Iowa
- Supports students interested in a practicum or research in the area of tobacco dependence cessation and/or tobacco prevention

BURNS-SCHAIFF SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Shweta Kulkarni

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Shweta is a second-year doctoral candidate in epidemiology under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Beebe. Shweta is currently involved in the Support Laos project along with Dr. Thanh Bui, at the Health Prevention Research Center (HPRC). The project aims to use mobile health (mHealth) technology to help people quit smoking cigarettes in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Along with research, she loves to exercise, do yoga and read books. Her family is situated in India. She plans on working in tobacco-use prevention research after graduation.

CALVEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2004 to honor the Calvey Family
- Harry J. Calvey (deceased) worked in the oil and gas industry
- Mary Jane Calvey runs an environmental consulting firm, Real World Management and serves on the Advisory Board
- Kevin Calvey, JD, serves as an Oklahoma County Commissioner
- Mike Calvey runs a successful venture firm
- Cathy Calvey Chandler is a full-time mother and Occupational Therapist
- Beth Calvey Bohanon, DDS, practices in OKC

CALVEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Nana Sakina Halilou Kane

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics, 2022

Nana Sakina is a second-year student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. This past year she has worked on the Strong Heart Study as a graduate research assistant and is interested in investigating and reducing health disparities in underserved populations. One of her goals is to participate in the development of some prevention programs for communicable diseases such as cholera and meningitis in developing countries. Off campus, she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her family and friends.

RONALD L. COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP



1934 - 2008

- Established in 2009 in memory of Ronald L. Coleman, Ph.D.
- OU faculty member for 37 years
- 15 years as Chairman of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
- Authored and published book chapters, prestigious scholarly journals and national presentations
- Recognized by OU for his outstanding teaching and commitment to students

RONALD L. COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Peter Kim

Doctor of Philosophy, Industrial Hygiene/Environmental Health Sciences, 2025

Peter is a first-year doctoral student in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He will be working for a NIOSH training grant under Dr. Changjie Cai, whose special interest is in aerosol science. He worked as part of a COVID response team for Tennessee Department of Health before joining OU.

He like to spend his free time with his family and by staying active.

CONOCO-PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2011 by ConocoPhillips to support a student studying occupational and environmental health
- Primary goal of company is to operate a safe and efficient business that protects communities and environments
- Created to help advance public health education and target students whose career paths align with company's goal

CONOCO-PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP

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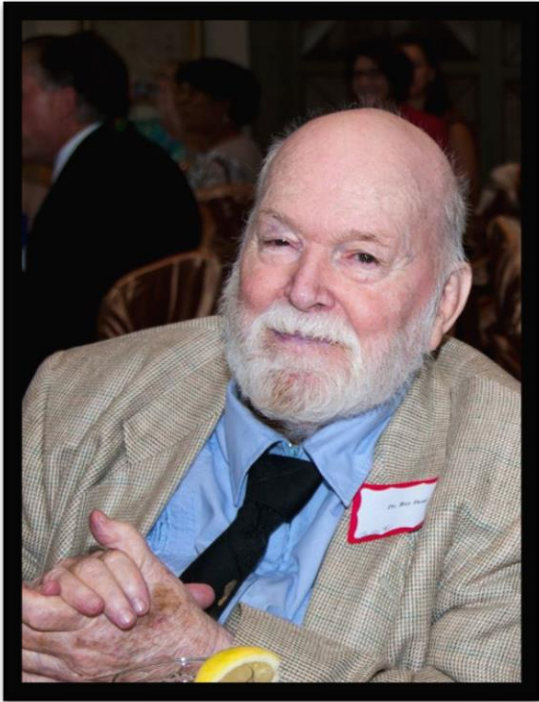
Toluwanimi Oni

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2023



Toluwanimi holds a bachelor's degree in physiology and a master's degree in environmental health from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is currently a doctoral student and Graduate Research Assistant at the Environmental Health Analytical Core (EHAC) in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. Toluwanimi hopes to become a university professor in the future and his research interests are focused on the health impacts of nicotine and electronic cigarette use as well as aerosol science. He loves to read, travel and play soccer.

ROY D. DEAL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP



1919 - 2012

- Established in 2001 to honor Dr. Roy B. Deal, Jr.
- Earned three degrees from OU (BA in '47, MA in '48, PhD in '53)
- Professor in Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- World traveler
- Retired in 1985 with a distinguished career and awards too numerous to mention

ROY B. DEAL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

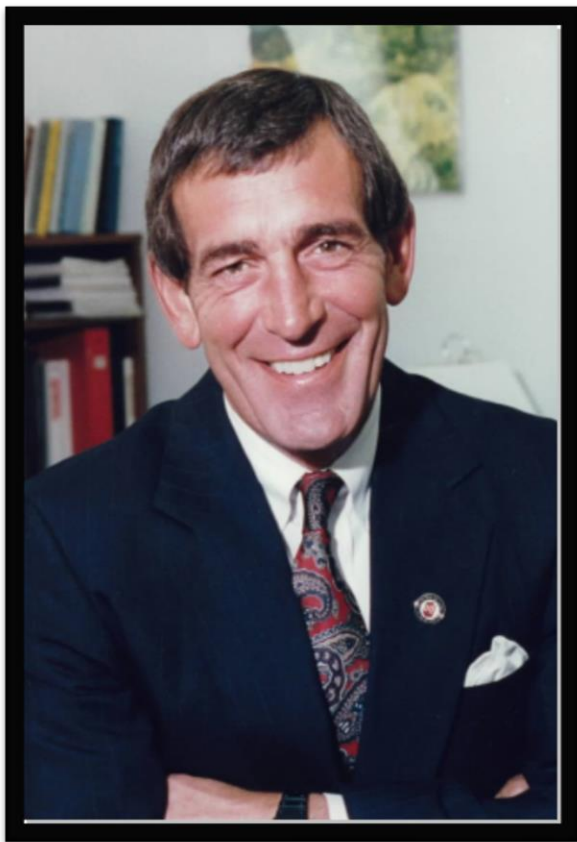


Megan Eisele

Master of Science, Biostatistics, 2022

Megan is a second year MS student studying Biostatistics. She is working for Dr. Ying Zhang with the Strong Heart Study and developing her thesis in lipidomics analysis techniques. She is an active member on campus serving as the 2020-2021 HCOPHSA president, SGA Big Event Co-Chair, Leadership HSC member, and Crimson Club member. Off campus, Megan enjoys gardening, kayaking, and making delicious pies.

DAVID J. FALCONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1944 - 1996

- Established in 2001 to honor the memory of David J. Falcone, Ph.D.
- Regarded nationally and internationally for his expertise in gerontology and long-term care
- Associate editor for the *Journal of Health, Policy, Politics & Law*
- Recruited to OU in 1992 from Duke University
- Served as Chairman of the Department of Health Administration and Policy and as the Associate Director for Oklahoma Center on Aging
- Recognized as a role model who intellectually stimulated and inspired students, which earned him the OUHSC Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (1996)

DAVID J. FALCONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Madison Rhodes

MHA/ JD, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Madison is a second-year JD-MHA student. She plans to utilize her education in both law and health administration to increase and improve healthcare access in her community. She enjoys spending quality time with friends and family, traveling, and staying active in her free time.

ROSETTA FISHER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2005 to honor Rosetta Fisher at her retirement
- Staff member in the Hudson College of Public Health for 27 years
- Received the Employee of Month Award, International & African-American Student Association Award, the Hudson College of Public Health Alumni Association Service Award, and Regents' Award for Superior Service

ROSETTA FISHER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Lindsay Denson

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2022

Lindsay is a doctoral student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She works at the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), which has provided numerous opportunities to use the skills she has learned in her program. Over the past 15 months, she has had the opportunity to play an active role in the COVID-19 response, both as a member of the OSDH testing strike team early in the response and later during vaccine rollout. She looks forward to a continued career focused on serving fellow Oklahomans.

ROSETTA FISHER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



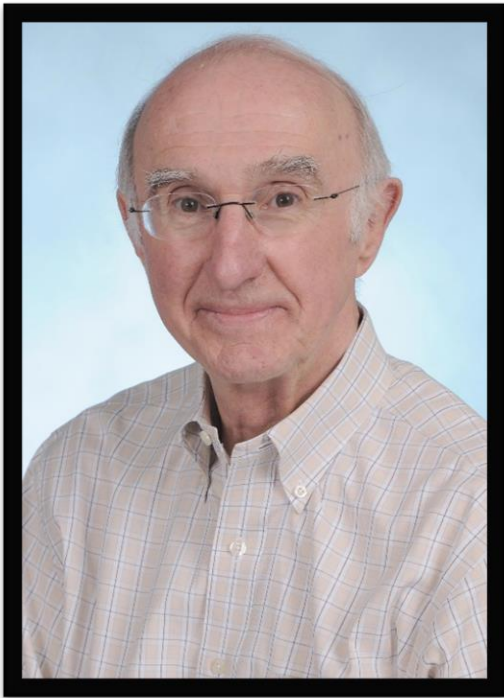
Rachel Kelley

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2021

Rachel is a current MPH student with a focus in Epidemiology. She is currently working for Dr. James George on the Oklahoma TTP Registry and the international Hereditary TTP Registry and with Dr. Deirdra Terrell on her K01 awarded grant to study the long-term effects of TTP, a rare blood disease, from the patient perspective. Rachel likes to stay involved at church and helps with their youth group, loves to read and listen to podcasts, and hopes to pursue medical school after completing her master's degree.

JAMES N. GEORGE SCHOLARSHIP

IN BIOSTATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY



- Established in 2001 by Mujahid Rizvi, MD, a 2000 MPH alumnus, to honor his mentor, Dr. James George
- Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and the Department of Medicine
- Research and practice focuses on describing the demographics, clinical course, and outcomes of patients with immune thrombocytopenia, drug-induced thrombocytopenia, and thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura.
- Active member of American Society of Hematology

JAMES N. GEORGE SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Afsheen Hasan

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2022

Afsheen is a doctoral candidate in Epidemiology and has been recently named a Hudson Fellow in Public Health. Her research interest focuses on tobacco-related health disparities. She is working to understand the patterns of tobacco use by sexual and gender minority (SGM) youths and young adults. She plans to conduct a mixed-methods study among SGM young adults to identify key-contextual factors influencing their tobacco use behavior. In her spare time, Afsheen loves spending time with her family.

EDMUND H. GLEASON SCHOLARSHIP



1915 - 1986

- Established in 1998 to honor CMDR Edmund H. Gleason
- OU's first public health degree (1949)
- Used GI bill to earn degree in public health and sanitation
- Enforced public health and state ordinances on food safety
- Oversaw the implementation of a state-of-the-art sanitary landfill
- Distinguished military career as a public health officer in U.S. Navy for more than 30 years

EDMUND H. GLEASON SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Yesenia Hernandez

Master of Public Health, Health Administration and Policy, 2022

Yesenia is a second-year MPH student in the Department of Healthcare Administration and Policy.

She works full time for the Mayo Clinic where she assists cancer clinical trial teams as a Research Protocol Associate. She enjoys spending time with my family, trying new foods, and staying active.

CLAUDIA GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2018 by friends, family and colleagues of the Griffith family
- 1994 MPH alumna
- Served as State Representative for House District 45
- Had a passion for improving our healthcare system and ensuring that more Oklahomans have access to quality medical care
- Passed away suddenly in July 2018

CLAUDIA GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Shayla Morin

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2022

Shayla is a first-year MPH student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She is currently working as a graduate research assistant conducting surveillance and data collection. Shayla intends to pursue a career as a clinical research epidemiologist with a special interest in chronic diseases. She enjoys cooking, reading, and outdoor activities.

HENLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2013 by E. Scott, Susie, Regan and Shannon Henley
- Supports students pursuing and MPH or MHA degree
- 1981 alumnus of the Hudson College of Public Health
- President of Henley Associates, Inc
- Adjunct Professor in Department of Health Administration and Policy
- Member of Hudson College of Public Health Advisory Board

HENLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Valentina Vasquez

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2023

Valentina is a first year MHA student in the Hudson College of Public Health. She is excited to find research opportunities at OUHSC and is thrilled to be continuing her education with OU after being in the inaugural class for a Bachelors in Public Health at OU Norman. She spends her free time developing her cooking skills, staying active, and encouraging her friends and family to get vaccinated.

HUDSON COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2011 by Advisory Board Members who saw the impact that scholarships have on students' lives and career development
- Members generously gave more than \$58,000 to establish this endowment, creating a legacy that will last in perpetuity.

HUDSON COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADVISORY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Jonathan Baldwin

Doctor of Philosophy, Biostatistics, 2024

Jonathan is a doctoral student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. He has worked in the field of medical imaging / nuclear medicine for 20 years, many of them spent in cancer care. He teaches full-time in the nuclear medicine program at the College of Allied Health and plans to remain in academia after he graduates. Jonathan enjoys teaching and loves to see students grow through their process of clinical education. His hobbies are fishing, hunting, boating and spending time with his wife and two daughters.

HUDSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2013 by Dr. Leslie and Mr. Clifford Hudson
- Leslie earned her MPH in 1986 and PhD in Epidemiology in 1990
- Former adjunct professor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Member of the Hudson College of Public Health Advisory Board
- Both have a long history of supporting OU
- In 2018, the college was renamed in their honor
- Scholarship assists students preparing for a community-based health practice

HUDSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

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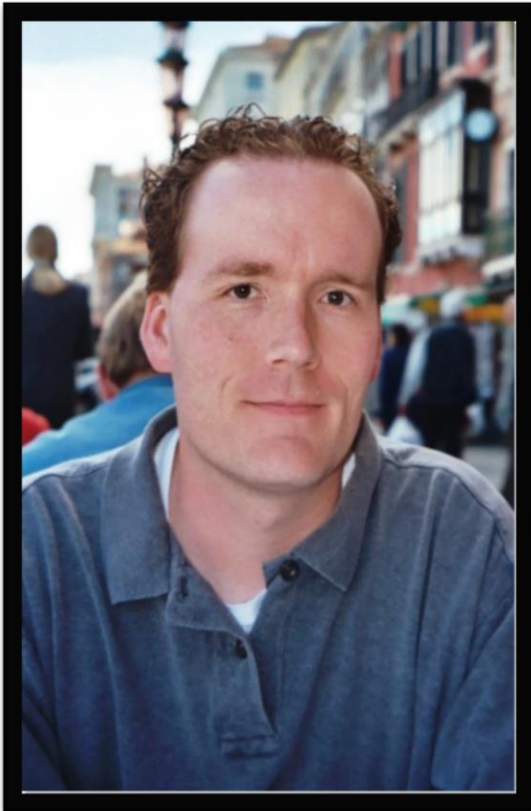


Jessee Beetch

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Jessee is a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She is interested in infectious disease and has spent the past year working on COVID-19 research and response efforts with OUHSC, OSDH, and OCCHD. Jessee has been a student leader holding officer positions on H-COPHSA, BSESA, and ERSA throughout her MPH and PhD schooling. In her free time, she enjoys reading, going on walks, and eating with friends.

BRENT HURD SCHOLARSHIP



1973 - 2005

- Established in 2008 to honor the memory of Brent Hurd
- Earned his BA from University of Rochester
- Hosted a popular campus radio show
- Married his high school sweetheart, Denise Brien, in 1998
- Worked as research assistant at the Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Was in final year of his master's degree in health administration when his life was cut short.

BRENT HURD SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Sidney Hiller

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2021

Sidney is a second year MHA student in the Department of Health Administration and Policy. She is currently researching the self-sustainability of Community Health Centers in the United States and interning at Baptist Health in Little Rock, Arkansas. Sidney is the OU Healthcare Executives Student Association Community Relations Chair and a Crimson Club University Ambassador. She likes to spend her free time reading, cycling, and walking her dog.

JOHNSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2016 by Dr. David and Mrs. Patsy Johnson
- Supports students pursuing a degree in Occupational and Environmental Health
- Both are long-time employees with a commitment to helping OU students succeed and meet their professional goals
- Mrs. Johnson retired in 2016 after 25 years of service at the College of Allied Health, Department of Nutritional Sciences
- Dr. Johnson served as Chairman of the Occupational and Environmental Health Department and Associate Dean in the Hudson College of Public Health
- Retired in May 2020 after more than 30 years of service

JOHNSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Hang Dung “June” Dao

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2022

June is a sixth-year doctoral candidate in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She is currently working on her dissertation on the effects of indoor environmental quality and greenspace exposure among school-age students. In her free time, she enjoys baking bread, practicing aikido, and zooming with her family.

ROBERT W. KETNER SCHOLARSHIP



1925 - 1995

- Established in 1999 to honor the memory of Robert W. Ketner, PhD
- Earned his BA and PhD from OU
- Psychiatric social worker
- Faculty member in OU School of Social Work and Department of Health Promotion Sciences
- Inspired public health advocate
- Instrumental in keeping the college from being closed by the legislature in the early 1970s due to the severe budgetary crisis.

ROBERT W. KETNER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Mary L. Williams

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Mary is a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. Her research interests are health disparities, specifically those experienced by individuals with disabilities, and the measurement of disability within national health surveys. She likes to spend her free time with her family and friends, assisting her brother with disability advocacy social media content, and mountain biking around Oklahoma.

ELISA T. LEE SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2010 to honor Elisa T. Lee, PhD
- George Lynn Cross Research Professor Emeritus
- Regents' Professor Emeritus in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Dean of the Hudson College of Public Health from 1994 - 2002
- Founder & Director of the Center for American Indian Health Research
- Experienced researcher and author of more than 250 technical papers
- Devoted to research and training to improve health and reduce health disparities in the American Indian population

ELISA T. LEE SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Amanda Llaneza

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Amanda is a doctoral student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She focuses her research on rare chronic disorders and health disparities and works with Dr. Deirdra Terrell and Dr. Eliza Chakravarty. She has a passion for conducting research that serves community needs and improving health outcomes for minority populations. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family and tending to the garden she created in her apartment.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP



1917 - 2001

- Established in 1997 to honor Dan J. Macer
- Retired as a Major in the U.S. Army in 1946
- Awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Unit Badge
- Held senior executive positions in the VA and U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the VA in Oklahoma City
- Interim Dean of Hudson College of Public Health in 1980
- President of Dan J. Macer, Inc.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Pawan Acharya

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2023

Pawan is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and a newly named Hudson Fellow in Public Health. His research interests include Clinical Epidemiology, Chronic Disease Epidemiology, and Health Disparities. Pawan worked as a graduate research assistant in the Strong Heart Study, and Cancer Studies within the BSE department. In the future, Pawan plans to join the academic sector as a faculty member.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2020 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Kavya Boyina

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2022

Kavya is a second-year graduate student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She is currently studying the transmission of COVID-19 and burden of tobacco-use in Oklahoma. Kavya is involved in campus leadership as a vice president for Hudson College of Public Health Student Association. In her free time, Kavya enjoys cooking, volunteering, and spending time with her family.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Lance Ford

Doctor of Philosophy, Biostatistics, 2022

Lance is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and a Hudson Fellow in Public Health. Since being at OUHSC, Lance has contributed to projects in the college and across campus in areas such as a neurology, rehabilitation sciences, geriatric medicine, and cancer prevention and treatment. His personal research involves cluster randomized trials and statistical methods in genetics. In his free time, Lance enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing volleyball, and taking care of his plants.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Osariemen Omoregie

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2023

Osa is a third-year doctoral candidate in Epidemiology. Osa has a background in child health and obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University School of Public Health. Her research interests include maternal and child health; chronic diseases; and health disparities. She plans to improve the health of vulnerable populations. During her leisure period, she loves reading, gardening, and baking. She is grateful to her family for their support.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Shannon Reeves

Master of Science, Epidemiology, 2021

Shannon is currently completing her thesis for her master's of science in epidemiology. She is focused on studying the social aspects of COVID-19, focusing on how misinformation has shaped the pandemic and concern for mitigations efforts in the state of Oklahoma. She is preparing to join the PhD program in Epidemiology. She thanks her husband for his unwavering support in going back to school and for remembering to walk the dog when she forgets.

OU GIVING DAY SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2017 to celebrate the gifts received from OU's Giving Day
- University's annual 24-hour campus-wide campaign to raise funds directly to support student scholarships
- Thank you to alumni, donors and friends who helped us meet our goal
- Dr. Bob and Mrs. Sherry Johnson

OU GIVING DAY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Kay Woodring

Master of Public Health, Interdisciplinary Public Health, 2022

Kay is a second year MPH student in the Interdisciplinary program. She currently works under her mentor, Dr. Mushtaq, as a GRA, and is studying Smokeless Tobacco Dependency in the Native American Population. She also works as a family practice scribe for Dr. Kondos at Utica Park Clinic. Her future plans consist of becoming a PA where she can use the knowledge obtained from her MPH degree to better treat the health disparities she may face when practicing medicine, and eventually becoming a professor in her later years. During her free time she enjoys hiking with her three dogs, baking her famous chocolate chip cookies, and trying new restaurants with her fiancé.

DIANE E. RIGGERT SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2016 by Dr. Aaron Boyd and Mrs. Tanja Krous Boyd to honor Tanja's mother, Diane E. Riggert, RN, BSN, MPH
- Supports a Registered Nurse pursuing a Master of Public Health degree
- Riggert is a 1990 alumna
- Manager of Occupational Health Services at Seattle Children's Hospital

DIANE E. RIGGERT SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Aimee Jones

Master of Public Health, Interdisciplinary Public Health, 2022

Aimee is a second year MPH student obtaining her degree in Interdisciplinary Public Health. She is currently a Registered Nurse at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital. She plans to continue working with pediatric populations and is interested in health promotion for women and children. In her spare time, she enjoys music, reading, and movies.

KATHLEEN A. SHAVER SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2020 by Kathleen A. Shaver
- 1994 alumna of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
- Held various teaching posts and environmental health jobs all over the United States driving responsible supply chain manufacturing practices for the automotive, chemicals, toys and electronics manufacturing
- Led several global initiatives dedicated to advancing voluntary codes of conduct and promoting ethical sourcing practices
- Director of Supplier Responsibility for Apple, Inc

KATHLEEN A. SHAVER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Mingze Zhu

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2025

Mingze is a first year doctoral student in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He is interested in how do contemporary human health problems relate to the biological, chemical, and physical factors of the environment and occupational settings that adversely affect health. He likes to spend his free time practicing martial arts, especially Tai Chi.

JULIE A. STONER SCHOLARSHIP IN BIOSTATISTICS



- Established in 2020 to honor the memory of Dr. Julie Stoner
- Chair of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Associate Dean of Research and Professor of Biostatistics
- Presidential Professor and David Ross Boyd Professor
- Beloved colleague, friend and mentor
- Strengthened our partnerships with other OU Colleges, the Stephenson Cancer Center and Harold Hamm Diabetes Center
- Passed away in June 2020 after battle with cancer

JULIE A. STONER SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Caroline Goode

Master of Science, Biostatistics, 2022

Caroline is an accelerated B.S./M.S. Mathematics and Biostatistics student from the White Mountains of Arizona. She works as a research assistant for the Strong Heart Study Coordinating Center, assisting in research topics including stroke, cancer, and COVID-19 among American Indian communities. Her research interests are in applied statistical methods for survival analysis and longitudinal studies, focusing on chronic disease. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, music, and a good jigsaw puzzle.

J.C. WATTS FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2015 in memory of J.C. Watts, Sr.
- Recruits and supports students who are studying the health and wellness of diverse populations.
- J.C. Watts, Jr. is a nationally recognized athlete who played on the OU football team.
- Named Orange Bowl MVP in 1980 and 1981
- Inducted into Orange Bowl Hall of Fame in 1992
- First African American U.S. House of Representative elected from Oklahoma
- Political consultant and advocate for autonomy in low-income families

J.C. WATTS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Nazha Diwan

Master of Science, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, 2022

Nazha Diwan holds a dual bachelor's degree in Chemical Biosciences and Economics. She is a second year MS student in the department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. Nazha is also graduate research assistant working on a HRSA grant aiming to increase the number of primary care physicians in rural, tribal, and underserved areas of Oklahoma. For her thesis, Nazha is focusing on an emerging condition known as post-COVID-19 Conditions. Future interests include: clinical epidemiology, infectious diseases, and health disparities. In her spare time, Nazha enjoys running, traveling, and learning about different cultures.



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