



SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION CEREMONY

2022-2023



HUDSON
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Toluwanimi Oni

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2023



Toluwanimi holds a BS degree in Physiology and an MPH degree in Environmental Health from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is currently a Doctoral candidate and Hudson Fellow in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences. He is proud to receive the Azimi Family scholarship. Toluwanimi seeks to become a researcher and entrepreneur in future and his current research interests are focused on the assessing occupational exposures among vape shop workers and proffering solutions to reducing these exposures. He loves to read, travel and play soccer.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



McKenzie Cowlbeck

Master of Public Health, Health Administration and Policy, 2023

McKenzie Cowlbeck (she/her) is a lifelong Oklahoman, having graduated from OU-Norman in 2020. She is pursuing her interests in social and health policy and advocacy at HCOPH. McKenzie has been a GRA since beginning her degree and is an active member of the Oklahoma Public Health Association, chairing the Public Policy Committee and coordinating their public health authority and advocacy efforts. McKenzie will be applying to health policy fellowships and doctoral programs this fall, planning to continue her education and practice after graduating next May.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Anne Kapka

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2023

Anne is a second-year MPH Epidemiology student. She has worked as a GRA with Dr. Sydney Martinez on tobacco cessation studies among Type 2 Diabetic patients, and currently works on program evaluations with Dr.

Leslie Ballenger. Anne serves as the 2022-23 Biostatistics and Epidemiology Student Association Vice President, and is a student mentor. She plans to continue her academic pursuits beyond her master's degree. Outside of school, Anne enjoys spending time with her family and friends, following OU sports, cooking, and gardening.

EDWARD N. BRANDT, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

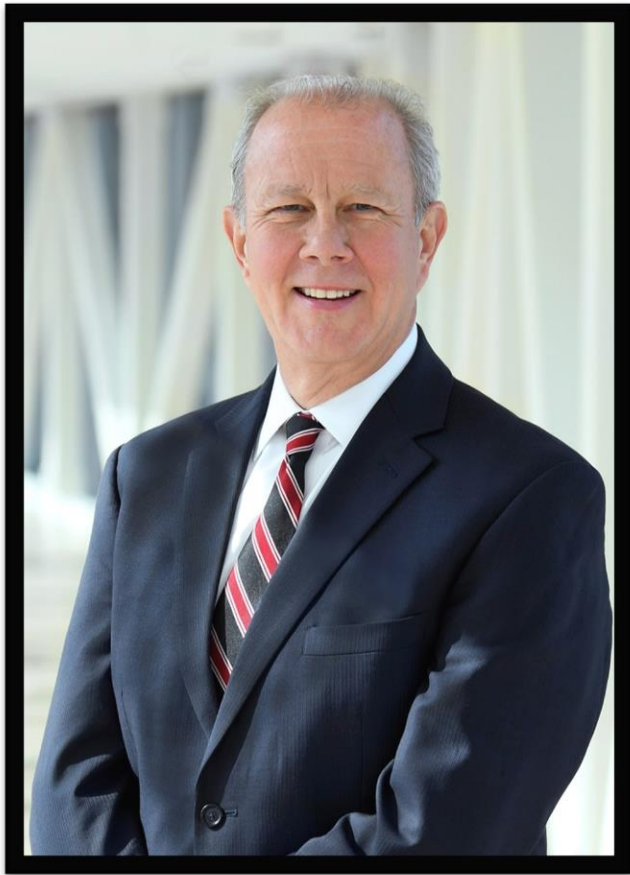
Gracie Percy

Master of Public Health, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023



Gracie Percy is pursuing her MPH with a concentration in Health Promotion. She is passionate about health equity, diversity, and inclusion. Her experience in health education and COVID-19 relief has given her a unique passion for health education and health program planning. She is a fierce advocate for equal and equitable healthcare. In her free time, she loves listening to Taylor Swift, walking her dog Junior, travelling to see her two sisters on the East Coast, and spending time with the people she loves.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Demetria Afleje

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2023



Demetria Afleje is a second year MHA student from Norman, OK. While still eager to learn all she can about administrative roles in the health care profession, her interest is in hospital operations. Her hope is to be a part of the operations team for a children's hospital, after completing a fellowship after graduation. Aside from being a student and working a full-time job, Demetria enjoys spending her free time with friends and family and is a big fan of all things true crime.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Shweta Kulkarni

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Shweta is a third-year doctoral student in Epidemiology under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Beebe. Shweta works as a Graduate Research Assistant on various projects with Dr. Thanh Bui, at the Health Prevention Research Center (HPRC). Her research interests include tobacco prevention, mixed methods research designs and global research. She is originally from India. With her background in dentistry, she enjoys being a part of team with diverse expertise. In her free time, she loves to exercise, travel, and read books.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Mary L. Williams

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Mary is a third year doctoral epidemiology 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 health surveys. She likes to spend her free time with her family and friends, helping her brother make TikTok videos about his experience with disability, and mountain biking around Oklahoma.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



David Bolade

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational & Environmental Health, 2026

David Bolade is a doctoral student at the department of Occupational and Environmental Health, Hudson College of Public Health. He earned an MPH in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of Ibadan and a Bsc in Biochemistry from Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria. His research interest is exposure assessment of volatile organic compounds in workplace environment. David has been married to his wife Oluwatoyin for 5 years and they are blessed with a daughter, Blossom (4). In his spare time, David loves watching soccer and spending time with his family.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Peter Kim

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2025

Peter is a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He is working on 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 likes to spend his free time with his family and by staying active.

CONOCO-PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

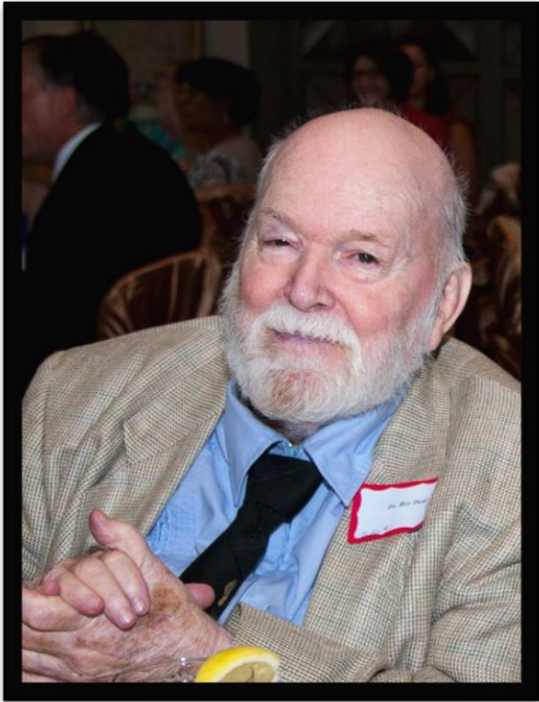


Mingze Zhu

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2024

Mingze is a second year doctoral student in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. He is interested in how contemporary human health problems relate to the biological, chemical, and physical factors of the environment and occupational settings that adversely affect health. His current research mainly focuses on the occupational exposures of firefighters and their risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



April Lopez

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics, 2023

April Lopez is a second-year MPH Biostatistics student. She works as a graduate research assistant for Dr. Amanda Janitz, focusing on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Oklahoma and developing interventions to change vaccine rates. She also serves as the Hudson College of Public Health Student Association Senator. During her free time, April enjoys going to the gym, playing the piano, and spending time with her parents, Jose and Alma Lopez. April plans on furthering her education and working abroad in the future.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Lauryn McAdam

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2023

Lauryn's experience has inspired her to pursue this degree as she is not only passionate about patient care but is dedicated to cultivating opportunities for those who share her passion and are devoted to advancing our health care system. When Lauryn is not working, she is probably spending time with her family and friends. Lauryn is eager to start her career as a Healthcare Administrator with aspirations to inspire those around her.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Desmond Delk

Master of Public Health, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023



Desmond W. Delk is a native of Southwest Atlanta. He is a student in the Health Promotion Sciences program. Upon graduation, he intends to join an agency to assist efforts to improve sexual health in underserved communities. As a son of a parent who suffered from kidney disease, Desmond also desires to start a non-profit centered on promoting, supporting, and educating on kidney health. The emphasis will be on nutrition, physical activity engagement, and moderation (take your time!).

ROSETTA FISHER SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



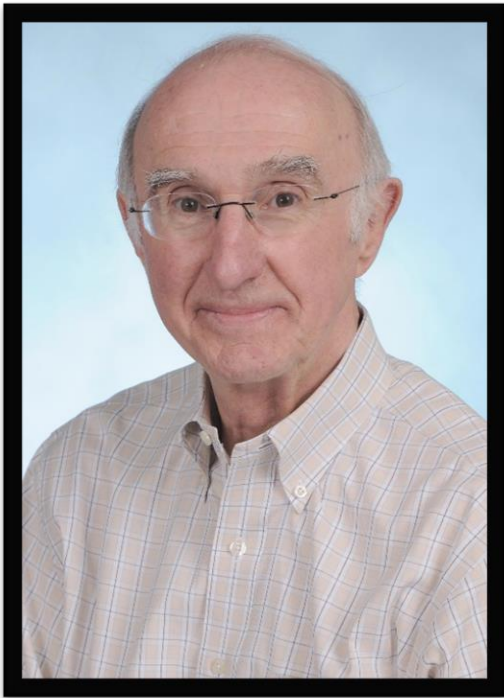
Morgan Rom

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, 2024

Morgan Rom is a doctoral student in the Department of Health Promotion and is working with Dr. Marianna Wetherill. Her research interests center around women's health and infertility. Morgan is the proud mommy to her three-year-old daughter, Lauren, and is the wife of Michael. She loves her family and friends deeply. She works full time as an Upper School science instructor at a local school while enthusiastically pursuing this terminal degree. She is filled with gratitude to God and the people around her that support and encourage her!

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Afsheen Hasan

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2022

Afsheen is a doctoral candidate in Epidemiology and 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

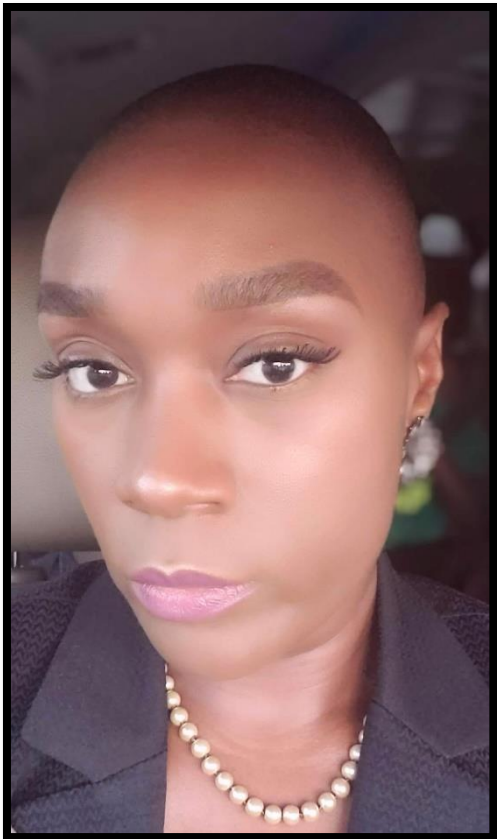


1915 - 1986

- 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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Queenie Amado

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2024

Queenie Amado is a second-year MHA student in Healthcare Administration and Policy and will graduate in 2024. Queenie is also studying healthcare law at OU and has interests in behavioral health in healthcare and Women's health. Queenie is a licensed mental health professional and practices therapy as an independent provider. Queenie has three children with her husband Wilson along with their two dogs. Queenie enjoys jogging, listening to audio books, and writing poetry.

Upon completion of the MHA program, Queenie's long term career goal in healthcare administration is to hold the position as a Chief Behavioral Officer.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Abi Peters

Master of Science, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023

Abi Peters is a second year graduate student working at the Hudson College of Public Health as a staff research assistant on Project REACH with Dr. Finnell. They spend their free time hiking and spending time with their friends and family.

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



Bethanie Lor

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2024

Bethanie is from the small town of Vinita, Oklahoma. She graduated a year early from OU-Norman in May 2022 with a degree in community health and minor in health and exercise science. She enjoys being involved in various activities from dancing, singing, and attending football games. She looks forward to expanding her educational and professional development with this wonderful program.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



John Webster

Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2023

John is a first-year MPH Epidemiology student. He is the first in his family to pursue a masters degree, and a second-generation OU alumni.

His future career plans include working with infectious or chronic diseases. He enjoys music, gardening, his dogs, and being a teachers-best-friend to his wonderful fiancée. He hopes to be part of future research in multiple areas and has goals to maintain a relationship with the university through work and future investment.

HUDSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



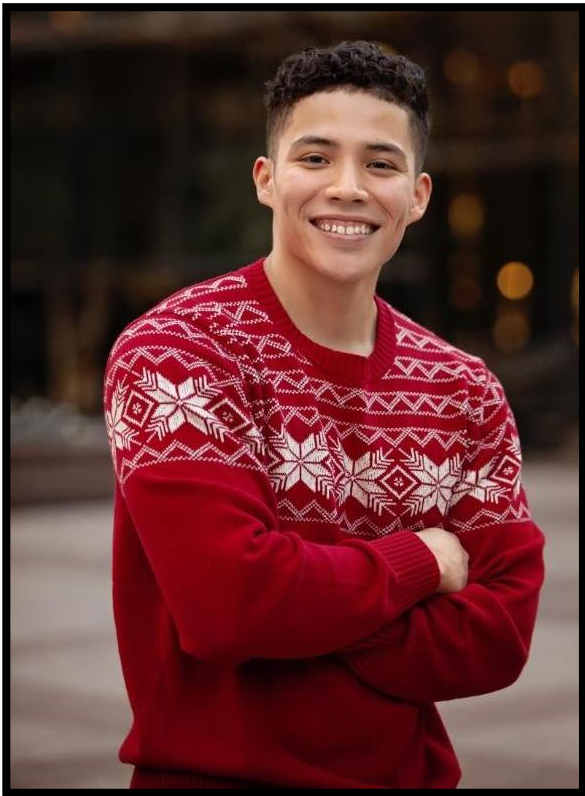
- Established in 2013 by Dr. Leslie and Mr. Clifford Hudson
- Leslie earned her MPH in 1986 and PhD in Epidemiology in 1990
- Former adjunct professor in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Member of the Hudson College of Public Health Advisory Board
- Both have a long history of supporting OU
- In 2018,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

HUDSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Marco Rayos

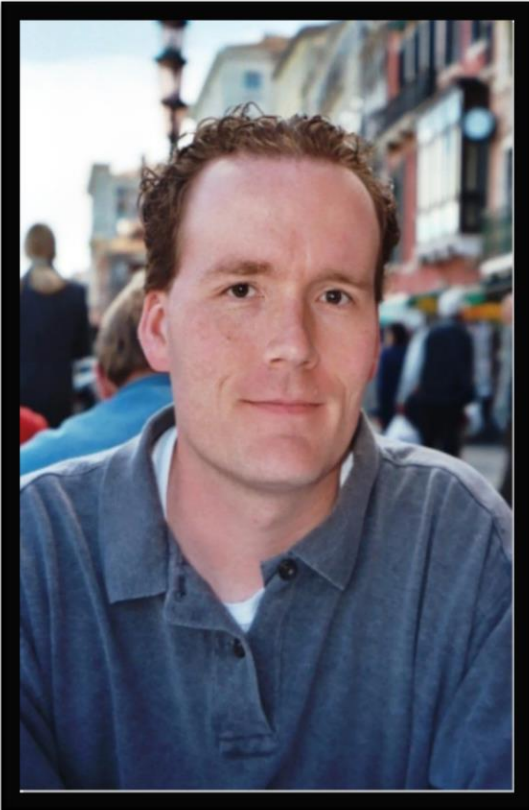
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, 2023



Marco is a second year student pursuing a degree in Epidemiology.

Marco is currently working on Project REACH, a teen pregnancy prevention grant that targets underserved youth in the Oklahoma City area. Through Epidemiology, Marco hopes to bridge the gap in health equity for those in low-income communities. Outside of school, Marco enjoys spending time outdoors, working out, and traveling.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Valentina Vasquez

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2023



Valentina Vasquez is a second year MHA student. She recently finished an administrative internship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

She is the president of the OU Healthcare Executives Student Association, she sits on the board of The Sooner Healthcare Executives, and she is the former Chair of the Oklahoma Public Health Association Student Caucus. She aspires to be a healthcare executive that strives for equity in care for children and women on a global scale.

In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Bukunmi Akanji

Doctor of Philosophy, Occupational and Environmental Health, 2025

Bukunmi is a dedicated and passionate graduate student of Occupational and Environmental Health, College of Public health. She has an academic background in Biochemistry (B.S) at Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria; Biomedical Sciences (M.S) at Iowa State University. Bukunmi research interest focuses on research that deals with improving and maintaining industrial workers' health quality. And safety measures for preventing diseases related to the environment. She is committed to continuous learning, research, and professional development.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Madolyn Phillips

Master of Science, Industrial Hygiene, 2022

Master of Public Health, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023

Madolyn Phillips is an MS student in Industrial Hygiene/Environmental Health Science and an MPH student in Health Promotion Sciences. She received her undergraduate degree at OSU – her whole family is a mix of crimson and orange. In her free time, Madolyn enjoys arts and crafts, studying fashion, and jogging in Scissortail Park.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Anna Bailey

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics, 2023

Anna graduated from Oral Roberts University in 2020 with a degree in Medical Molecular Biology. Living most of her life in Tulsa, Anna moved to OKC spring of 2022 to pursue a master's in Public Health in the field of Biostatistics. She currently serves as a graduate research assistant biostatistician for an OU childhood cancer study. Her research interests include the opioid epidemic, prenatal and maternal health, geriatric care, and ethics in healthcare.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Pawan Acharya

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2023

Pawan Acharya is a Ph.D. candidate in Epidemiology and a Hudson Fellow in Public Health. His research interests include Clinical Epidemiology, Trauma and Injury Research, and Health Disparities. Pawan loves spending time with his newborn daughter. In the future, Pawan plans to join the academic sector as a faculty member.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Osariemen Omoregie

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2024

Osa is a fourth-year doctoral candidate in Epidemiology. She has a background in maternal/child health and obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University School of Public Health. Her research interests include epidemiology of chronic diseases; health disparities; and maternal/child health. 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 love, guidance, and support.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Shannon Reeves

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2025

Shannon Reeves is a doctoral student in epidemiology studying under Dr. Aaron Wendelboe. Shannon has worked as an instructor at OU-Norman in the biology department throughout school and has enjoyed her involvement on that campus. Her focus is on infectious epidemiology with a special interest in social epidemiology. Recent research has been on social media's impact on concern with catching COVID in the state of Oklahoma and how misinformation has shaped the pandemic. She appreciates the continued help and support from the BSE faculty and staff.

DAN J. MACER SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Ozair Naqvi

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2025



After completing his master's in epidemiology from HCOPH in 2018, Ozair spent two and a half years working as an epidemiologist at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Acute Disease Service investigating state reportable diseases and responding to outbreaks, including significant time on the state's COVID-19 response. Now, back at OUHSC, Ozair is currently pursuing his PhD in epidemiology, with a focus on research involving infectious disease, implementation science, and emergency preparedness. When not in class, Ozair enjoys traveling, attending sporting events, and trying new local food places.

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

OU GIVING DAY SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Wyatt Montgomery

Master of Health Administration, Health Administration and Policy, 2023



A 2019 graduate of Rogers State University, Wyatt was raised by his mother and grandparents in Claremore, Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Medical/Molecular Biology. Moving to OKC in 2022, Wyatt joined the MHA program with intentions of expanding his knowledge and perception of Healthcare Administration. Wyatt plans to utilize the MHA to seek an occupation within a local health system and begin his journey as a leader in healthcare.

GARY E. RASKOB SCHOLARSHIP



- Established in 2022 by the Hudson College of Public Health to honor his service and leadership during the pandemic
- Served as long-time Dean of the College until January 2022 when he was promoted to interim-Senior Vice President and Provost of the Health Sciences Center
- Named as OUHSC Senior Vice President and Provost on August 12, 2022.

GARY E. RASKOB SCHOLARSHIP

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Araya Assfaw

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Promotion Sciences, 2023

Araya is a current Hudson Fellow in Public Health and is in his last year of his doctoral program. Araya's focus is the health promotion of vulnerable population in order to reduce health disparities and improve health equity. Since joining HCOPH, 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 Alzheimer's disease & Related Dementias (ADRD), food insecurity and nutrition, and children's environmental health.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient

Robbie Massingill

Master of Public Health, Biostatistics, 2024



Robbie has been a registered nurse for close to 10 years with focus in Maternal/ Neonatal health. She is currently the Lead Newborn Screening Nurse Coordinator for the State. She is obtaining an MPH in Biostatistics focusing on furthering newborn screening research.

She loves spending time with her husband, daughter, and dogs. Robbie and Zach are expecting their second child early next year.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Flor Michelle Ramirez Nunez

Master of Science, Environmental Health Sciences & Industrial Hygiene, 2023

Flor Michelle is a second-year master of science student in the Environmental Health Sciences & Industrial Hygiene Program.

She obtained a B.S in public health from the University of Oklahoma. Her research interests include agricultural pesticide use and it's exposure effects on latino communities. Flor Michelle enjoys practicing yoga and reading a good book.

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

2022 Hudson College of Public Health Student Recipient



Whitney Kerr

Doctor of Philosophy, Epidemiology, 2025

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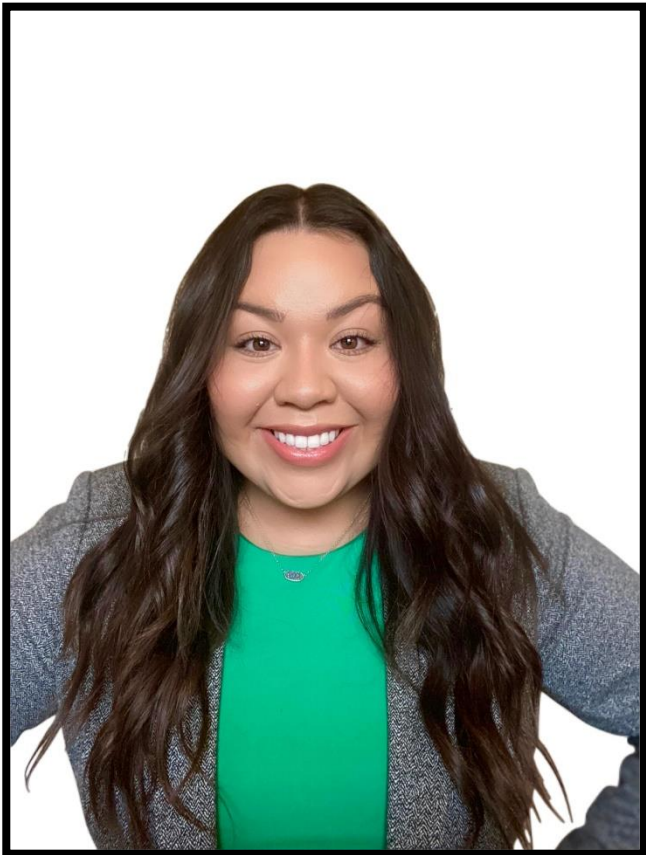
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