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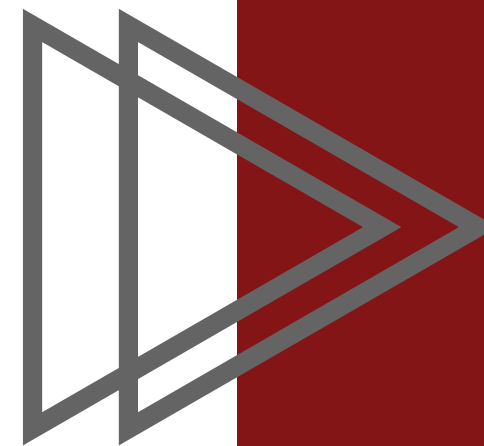
**Thursday, October 24, 2024
5:30–7:30pm**

Oklahoma Hall of Fame
Gaylord–Pickens Museum
Great Hall

RSVP, questions and accommodations
kyndall-wahkinney@ouhsc.edu

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.





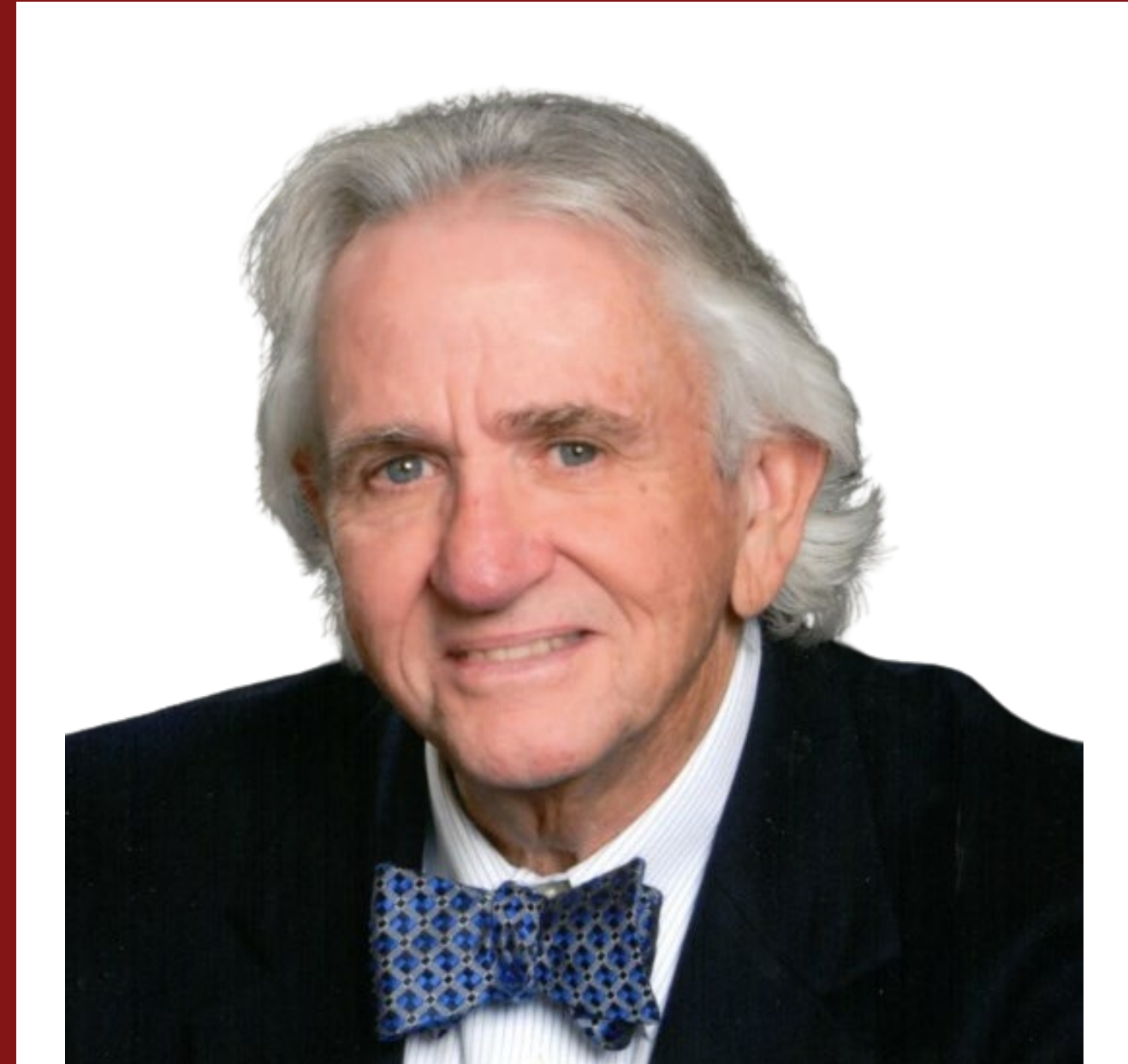
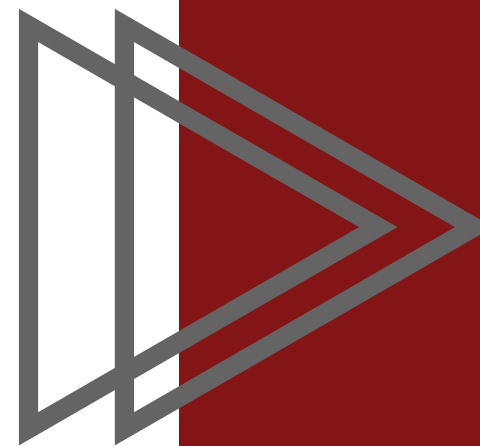
Bu k u n m i A k a n j i

Ph.D., Environmental Health Sciences, 2025

Bukunmi is a doctoral student pursuing a degree in occupational and environmental health. She has extensive experience in both laboratory and field settings. Her research interests encompass a broad spectrum of topics, including the identification and mitigation of environmental factors contributing to work-related diseases. Her main research focus is on improving and maintaining health standards by implementing effective safety measures. Through her work, she aims to contribute to the advancement of occupational health practices and the preservation of environmental quality.

Dan Boatright Memorial Scholarship

- Established in 2024 to honor the memory of Dr. Daniel Boatright
- Earned a MS in environmental health engineering and PhD in environmental systems management from the University of Oklahoma
- Served as senior associate dean and Presidential Professor of Occupational and Environmental Health
- During his twenty-six years of teaching, he directed more than 50 master of science students and 18 doctor of philosophy and doctor of public health students.





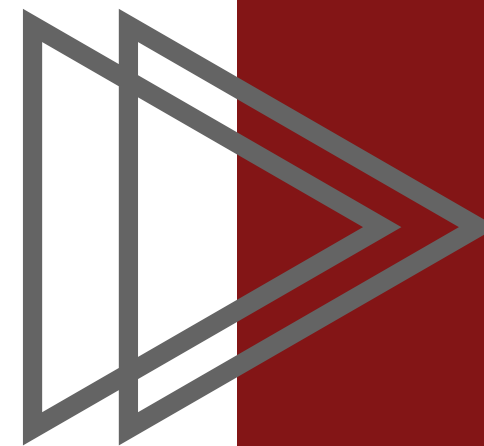
Lindsey Old

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2025

Lindsey Old is a second-year MHA student. She received her Bachelor's of Business Administration with a focus in marketing and a minor in healthcare supply chain management from the University of Oklahoma in 2022. Her summer internship with VA's National Emergency Medicine Office (NEMO) has furthered her passion for serving others. Her plans include obtaining an Administrative Fellowship to sharpen her leadership skills and knowledge of the health care industry.

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





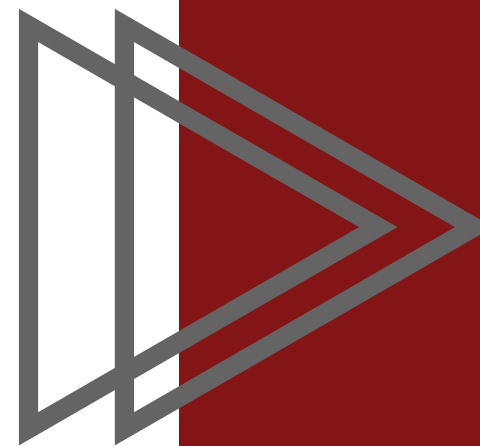
Hoorieh Alamolhoda

MPH, Health Promotion Sciences, 2026

Hoorieh, originally from Iran, moved to the USA in March 2023. She holds a Doctoral Dental Surgery (DDS) degree and is now pursuing an MPH in health promotion science. She is passionate about researching how smoke and nicotine affect oral health and is committed to continuing her journey in public health and dentistry in the US, with the goal of helping people improve their oral health and enjoy a better quality of life. In her free time, Hoorieh enjoys water activities like swimming and jet skiing. She is married to a PhD student in chemical engineering.

Edward N. Brandt, Jr Scholarship

- 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





Ozair Naqvi

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2025

Ozair Naqvi is a fourth-year PhD student studying epidemiology. He previously worked for two years as a communicable disease epidemiologist at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Ozair's dissertation is a national study on the impact of SARS-CoV-2, influenza virus, and associated co-infections on severe clinical outcomes among pediatric patients. In the spare time, Ozair enjoys traveling, trying out new local food places, and cheering on OU football. Following graduation, he is intent on pursuing an impactful career at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



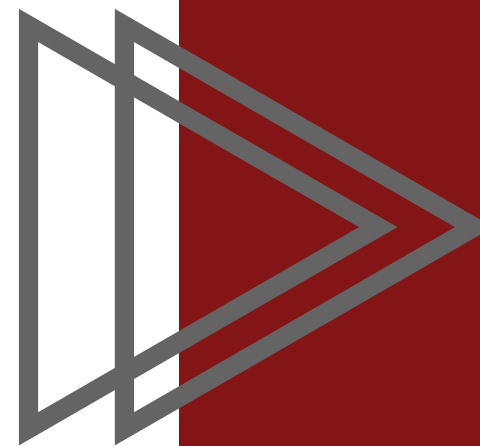
Rachel Newman

MS, Health Promotion Sciences, 2025

Rachel Newman is pursuing a Master of Science in health promotion sciences after receiving her Bachelor of Science in global health from Georgetown University. She is interested in studying the ways trauma and food culture impacts health outcomes. She is originally from Oklahoma City, where she has returned and now serves as the Community Health Manager at RestoreOKC. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, being outside, and listening to music. Her future plans are to spread awareness of the complexities of diet choices and provide research that assists with policy change for food access.

Dale W. Bratzler Scholarship

- Established in 2016 by Dr. Dale W. Bratzler
- 1996 MPH alumnus of the OU Hudson College of Public Health
- Dean of the 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





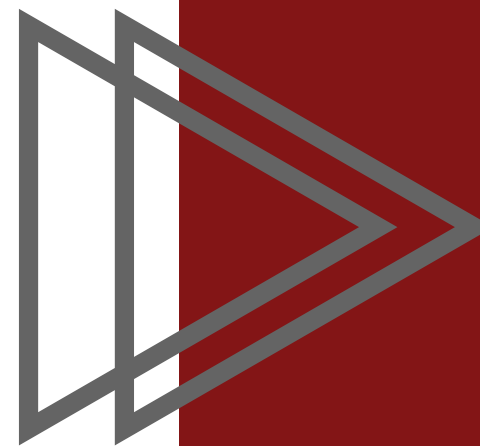
Brianna Anduss

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2025

Brianna Anduss is a third-year MHA student. As President of OU Healthcare Executive Student Association and IPE Liaison of Hudson College of Public Health Student Association, Brianna demonstrates her leadership skills and commitment to healthcare. With a profound passion for equitable and accessible healthcare, Brianna envisions a future where everyone can access the care they deserve. She plans to obtain an Administrative Fellowship, where she can further her leadership development and strive toward her goals.

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



2024 Burns - Schaiff Scholarship Recipient



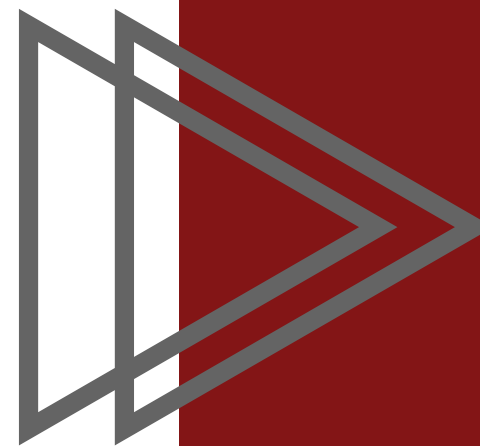
Shweta Kulkarni

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2024

Shweta is a fifth-year PhD candidate in epidemiology under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Beebe. Shweta works as a GRA with Dr. Thanh Bui, at the Health Prevention Research Center (HPRC). She is working on her dissertation and plans to graduate in Fall 2024.

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, is a former 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





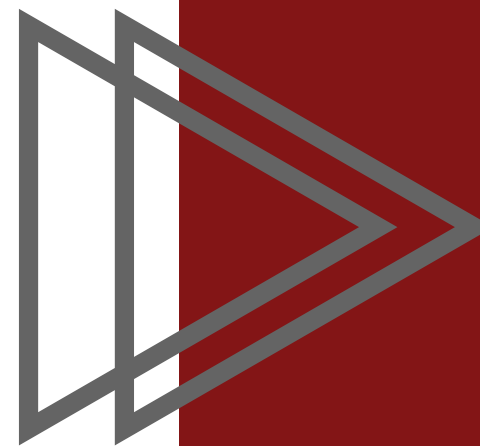
Bijay Rimal

MS, Epidemiology, 2025

Bijay is a first year student from Nepal pursuing his MS in epidemiology. He holds a Bachelor's degree in public health from Nepal and an M. Phil in International Community Health from the University of Oslo. His research interests lie in infectious diseases and health inequity and he wants to work as an infectious disease epidemiologist. He is currently working as a GRA for Dr. Katrin Kuhn on Wastewater surveillance project in Oklahoma. Bijay enjoys hanging out with friends, traveling and hiking.

ConocoPhillips 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



2024 ConocoPhillips Scholarship Recipient



David Bolade

Ph.D., Environmental Health Sciences, 2025

David Bolade is a third year PhD student studying occupational and environmental health. His research interests are focused on respiratory protection, exposure assessment of volatile organic compounds in workplace environments and Indoor air quality. He likes spending time with his family and watching soccer.



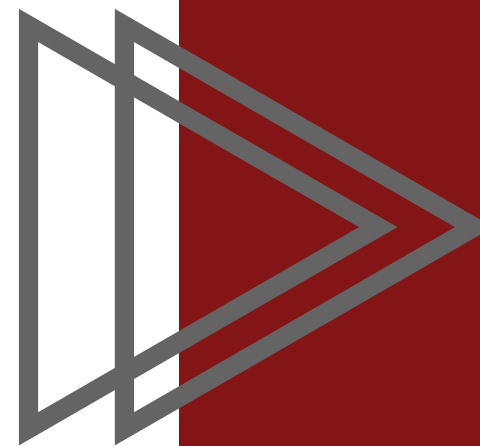
Peter Kim

Ph.D., Environmental Health Sciences

Peter Kim is a dedicated third-year PhD student studying occupational and environmental health. He is working hard to develop a Heat Vulnerability index for outdoor workers using weather research and forecasting and a thermal comfort model. Peter cherishes spending time with his family and is grateful for his happy marriage and three lovely girls. He sincerely hopes to complete his studies soon and use his research to positively impact the world.

Roy B. Deal, Jr. Scholarship

- 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





Evan Becker

MS, Biostatistics, 2026

Evan Becker is an accelerated MS/BS student pursuing a Master's in Biostatistics and a Bachelor's in Mathematics. As a GRA at the Stephenson Cancer Center, he contributes to multiple research projects under the supervision of Dr. Vesely. Outside of academics, Evan enjoys hiking, camping, and rock climbing with friends and family. He aspires to either pursue a Ph.D. in Biostatistics or work as a biostatistician in Washington state, where he can continue exploring the outdoors.



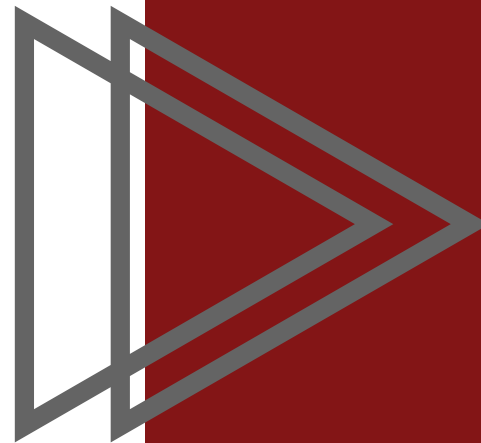
Hanxia Li

Ph.D., Biostatistics, 2027

Hanxia Li is a third-year PhD student focused on leveraging predictive modeling and machine learning to address key challenges in public health. His research interests span the development of advanced algorithms for disease prediction, health behavior analysis, and the integration of AI in healthcare systems. Hanxia is passionate about applying his expertise to create impactful solutions that can improve health outcomes and enhance the effectiveness of public health interventions. He plans to continue exploring innovative approaches in AI and healthcare.

David J. Falcone Memorial Scholarship

- 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)





Kylie Stewart

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2025

Kylie Stewart is a first-generation college student from Shawnee, OK. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma in Health and Exercise Science. She is a second year MHA student and is working as a research assistant under Professor Zhao. This past summer, Kylie completed her MHA internship at OU Children's Hospital. After graduation, she plans to obtain an administrative fellowship to continue to grow and learn. When she is not in school, she likes to be active either outside or in the gym. Kylie also enjoys her time as a dog mom.



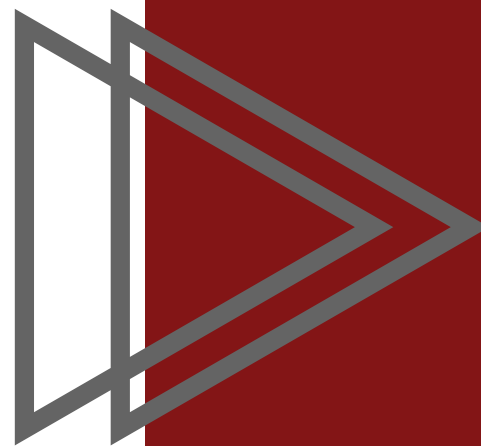
Kobby Wiafe

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2025

Kobby Wiafe is a second-year MHA student from Bethany, Oklahoma. He attended Baylor University for his undergraduate degree where he studied Biochemistry. Kobby is passionate about increasing access to healthcare for all individuals, while improving health outcomes for patients overall. After graduation, Kobby plans to pursue an administrative fellowship in order to prepare himself to be a healthcare leader who will make decisions that will advocate for patients and providers alike. In his free time Kobby enjoys watching movies, playing sports, traveling, and eating ice cream.

James N. George Scholarship

- 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





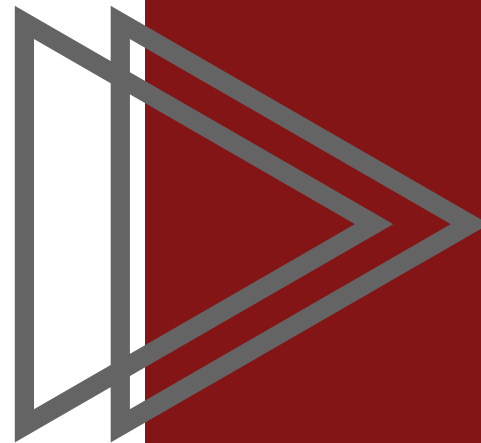
Toby Clappitt

MPH, Epidemiology, 2025

Toby is a second year MPH in epidemiology student. Toby came to the Hudson College of Public Health after receiving a dual degree in Biology and Public Health from SWOSU with a particular interest in all-things infectious disease, but he has gained an interest in clinical epidemiology. Toby currently works as a GRA for Dr. Terrell where he works primarily with the TTP Registry. After graduation, Toby plans to work in applied epidemiology, but he expects to return to earn a PhD.

Edmund H. Gleason Scholarship

- 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





Osa riemen Om oregie

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2025

Osa is a doctoral candidate in epidemiology. She has a background in maternal and child health and earned 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 and child health. She plans to improve the health of vulnerable populations. During her leisure period, she loves reading, baking, and watching movies. She is grateful to her family for their love, guidance, and support.



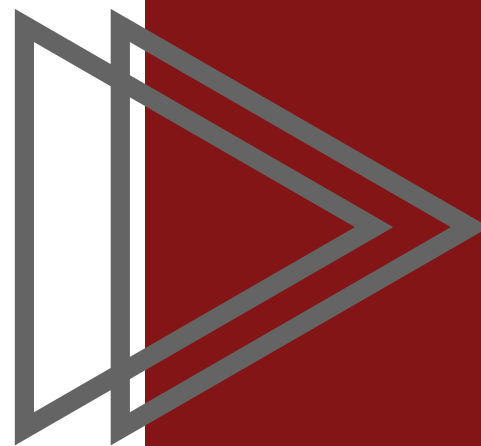
Daniel Zavala Paramo

BA Community Health & MPH Epidemiology, 2026

Daniel Zavala Paramo is pursuing the accelerated BA Community Health/MPH in Epidemiology degree at the Hudson College of Public Health. He is also a research assistant at the University of Oklahoma Institute for US-China Issues under Dr. Miriam Gross. He enjoys hiking, and hopes to work in the public sector as an epidemiologist.

HCOPH 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.





Jackie Lartey

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2024

Jackie Lartey is from Moore, OK. She currently works as the OUHSC Workers Compensation Analyst. She is married and has two sons.

Originally from Ghana, her international view of healthcare around the globe aided in her decision to pursue her MHA at the College of Public Health. Jackie hopes to utilize her degree in a way that supports the promotion of quality healthcare for children and the disadvantaged. Her career interests include quality, process improvement and patient experience. Jackie enjoys traveling the world and experiencing other cultures.



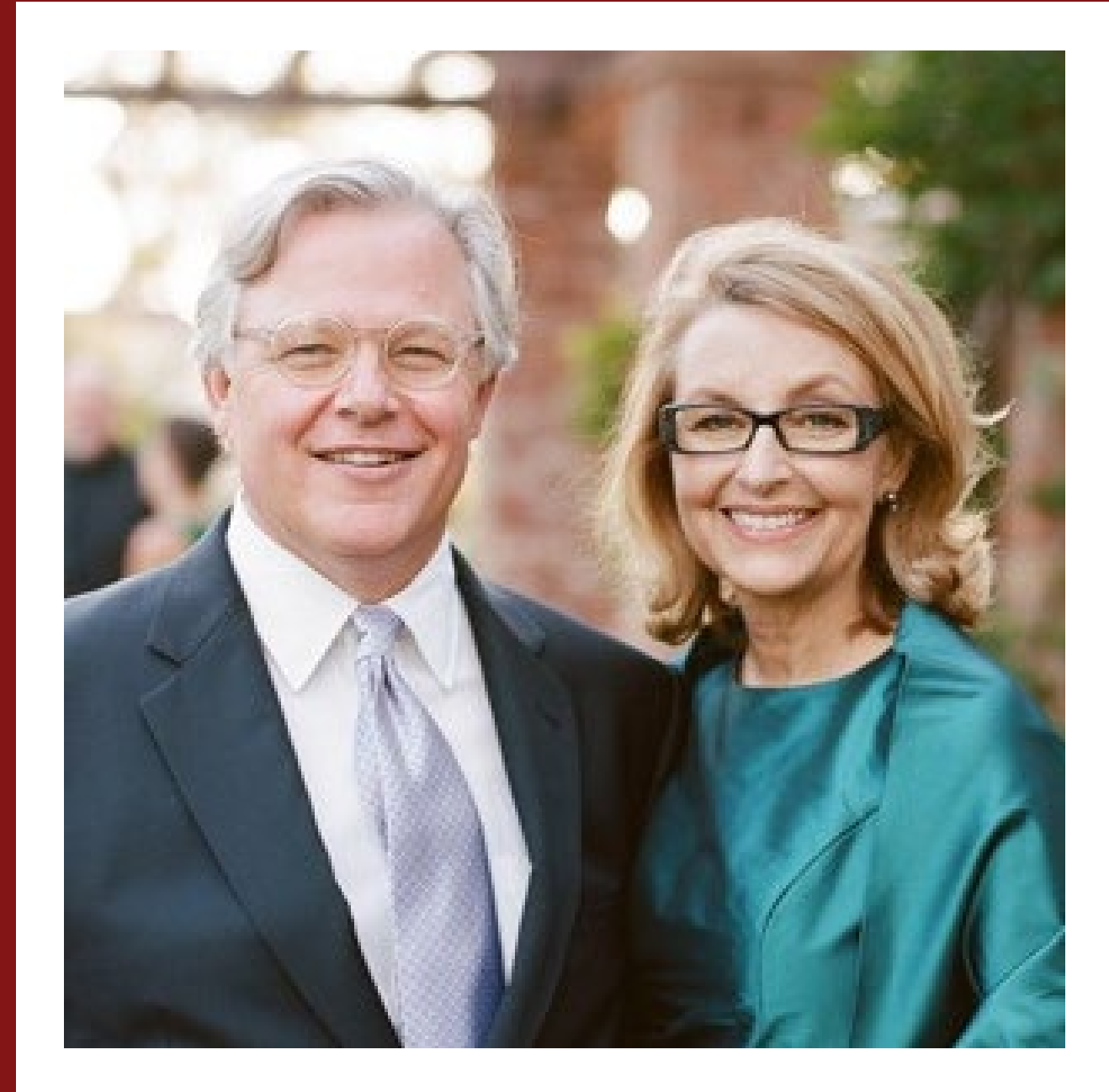
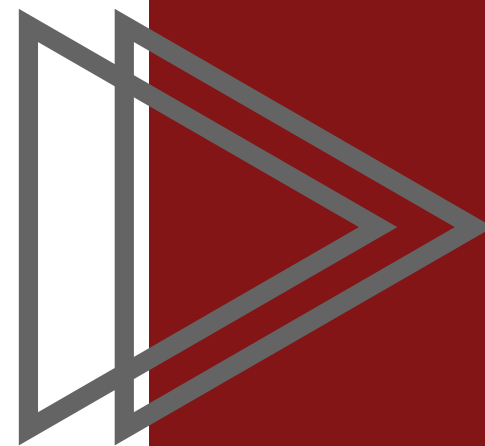
Morgan Rom

Ph.D., Health Promotion Sciences, 2026

Morgan Rom is a PhD candidate, 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!

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





Anne Kapka

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2027

Anne is a second-year PhD student with an MPH in Epidemiology from the Hudson College of Public Health. She is a GRA in the BSE department assisting with healthy brain aging projects and program evaluations for the Oklahoma Healthy Brain Initiative and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Her research interests include tobacco industry marketing and brain health. Anne is passionate about learning and teaching, with plans to pursue a career as a professor. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, learning new hobbies, and traveling.



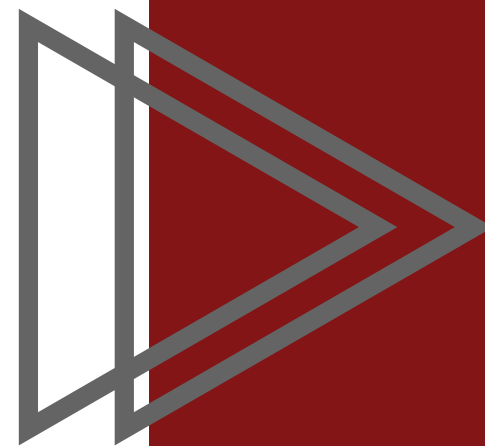
Julia Naifeh

BA Community Health & MPH Epidemiology, 2026

Julia is a public health student from Tulsa, OK, pursuing an accelerated BA in Community Health/MPH in Epidemiology and a BA in Music on Piano at the University of Oklahoma. She has been a Peer Health Educator for three years, volunteers with harm reduction group SHRED the Stigma, and served as President of the American Mock World Health Organization last year. In her free time, Julia plays with her friends in an indie-rock band called Douglas which plays shows all over the OKC-metro and Tulsa areas.

Brent Hurd Scholarship

- 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.





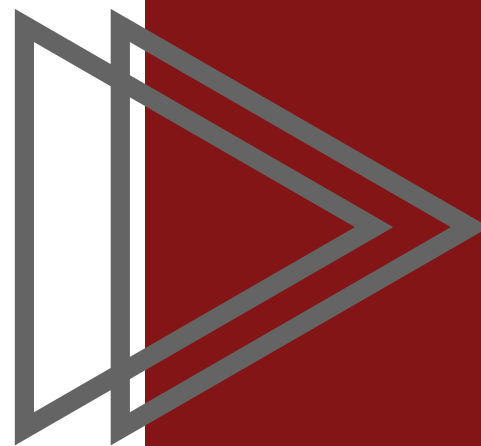
Kendall Breitenstein

MHA, Health Administration and Policy, 2025

Kendall Breitenstein is an Administrative Intern at the INTEGRIS Health Foundation, where she assists with fundraising events and strategic planning. Kendall's research interests focus on improving community health outcomes through effective healthcare management. In her personal life, Kendall enjoys volunteering, spending time with family, and engaging in outdoor activities. She aspires to pursue a career in healthcare administration, contributing to the advancement of health systems and patient care.

Johnson Family Scholarship

- Established in 2016 by Dr. David and Mrs. Patsy Johnson
- 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





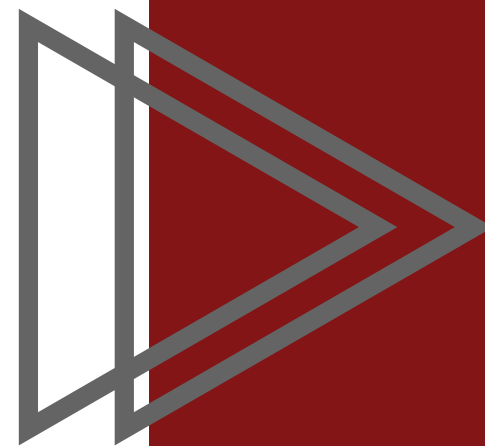
Rashmi Jagga

MPH, Epidemiology, 2025

Rashmi is originally from India and is currently pursuing her interest to gain expertise in conducting extensive research and contribute to the field of public health. Her research interests focus mainly on integrating public health with dentistry and oral health, particularly in serving underserved populations. In addition to her academic pursuits, Rashmi enjoys reading, cooking, and gardening. She has a small close-knit family back in India and currently lives with her husband (got married this summer) in the USA. Her future plan includes practicing and integrating the education gained in research towards the field of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

Robert W. Ketner Scholarship

- 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





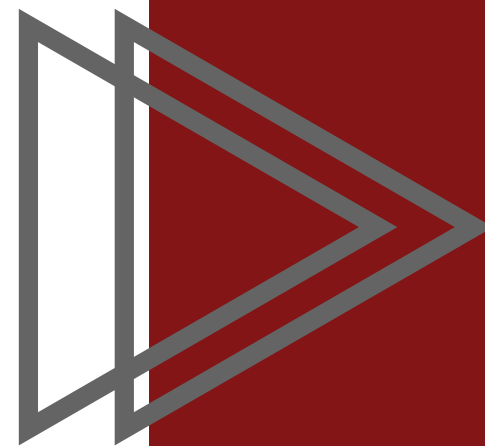
Madison Hemenway

MPH, Interdisciplinary Public Health, 2025

Madison is a MPH candidate at OU-Tulsa. Her research interests include food as medicine and healthcare policy. Currently, she works with supplemental nutrition programs like Double Up Oklahoma with the nonprofit Hunger Free Oklahoma. In her free time you can catch her spending time with her family and corgi, hiking in new places. In the future she hopes to lead her community as an advocate for health policy reforms.

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





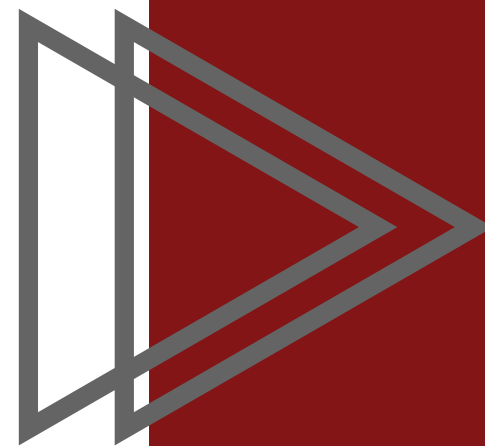
Paul Grunsted

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2025

Paul Grunsted is a fourth year PhD candidate in Epidemiology and has been a GRA since 2019. Throughout his studies he has focused on genetic research and the influence of genetics within epidemiology. Paul loves to play tennis and read as well as spend time with his family in his free time. Paul is intent on expanding his research in genetic epidemiology to help contribute to the growing field of genetic research and to continue to push the field of public health forward.

Dan J. Macer Scholarship

- 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.





Anwar Islam

Ph.D., Biostatistics, 2028

Mr. Islam completed B.S. and M.S. in Pure Mathematics from the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. He obtained another M.S. degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC, USA. He worked as a visiting faculty of Mathematics in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Georgia Southern University, GA, USA. His research interest includes machine learning, biomedical image data processing, biostatistical methods, longitudinal data analysis, health disparities, and computational public health problems.



Odera Onyema

MPH, Epidemiology, 2026

Odera Onyema is an MPH student specializing in Epidemiology with nearly a decade of public health experience in Nigeria. Her interests include mental and physical health, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases. Passionate about research and innovative health communication, she aims to address health challenges through disease surveillance, policy-making, and program management. Odera is also committed to youth-centered development and enjoys her Christian faith, adventure, podcasting, and volunteering.



Shannon Reeves

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2026

Shannon Reeves is a third-year PhD student in epidemiology. Most of her research regards the societal impacts of COVID and she is currently working on a Long COVID study among patients and physicians here in Oklahoma. She hopes to focus future studies and career on social determinants of disease and teaching others about public health. In her free time she enjoys knitting, gardening and her little dog, Rambo.



Rachel Sharber Ormsby

Ph.D., Health Promotion Sciences, 2027

Rachel is a doctoral student in the Health Promotion Sciences program with interests in infectious disease, nutrition and food insecurity, community health, and social determinants of health. She works for the Oklahoma State Department of Health in infectious disease and has held positions at Health Alliance for the Uninsured and Tinker Air Force Base. Rachel is married and has two dogs that she adores. In her free time, she enjoys reading, baking, and traveling.



Colton Shaver

MPH, Health Promotion Sciences, 2025

Colton earned his BS in Public Health in 2023 from the University of Central Oklahoma. Upon graduation he had the prestigious opportunity to partake in the THESIS internship at Southern Plains Tribal Health Board. This internship allowed Colton to travel and present research in health outcomes associated with the built environment among youth at the CDC in Atlanta. Colton began his MPH program in Spring of 2024 with a concentration in health promotion sciences. Colton is CHES certified and works as an Evaluator at the SPTHB. Some of his passions include sexual health education and increasing walkability and green spaces in our cities and communities through urban planning and environmental sustainability.



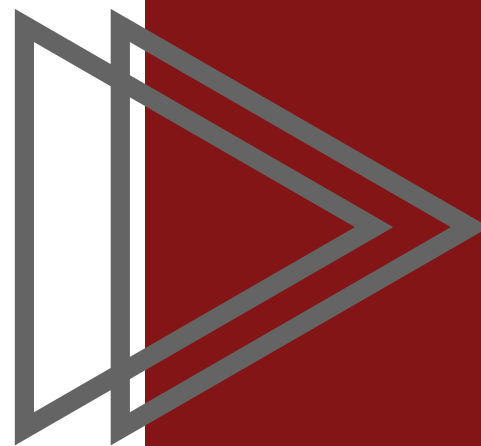
Nubwa St. James

Ph.D., Health Promotion Sciences, 2027

Nubwa is a doctoral student in the department Health Promotion Sciences. She holds an MPH degree from the Northern Illinois University and a Pharmacy degree from the Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria. Her research interest include health disparities and she is passionate about improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations. She enjoys spending time with her family and is grateful to them for their support.

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 each year by giving during OU Giving Day!





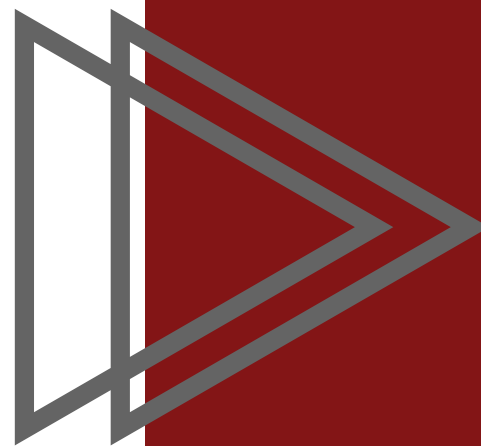
Michael Edward Tira do

MPH, Community & Population Health, 2025

Michael earned a bachelor's degree in science at UCO. His research interests are diverse, ranging from the effects of Medicaid on physicians in Oklahoma to histological studies involving titanium implants in animal bones. In his free time, he enjoys lounging around with his two big dogs, Alfred and Oliver. He also enjoys cooking, using this time to reflect on his days and enjoy the creative process of making something from scratch.

G a r y E. R a s k o b S c h o l a r s h i p

- Established in 2022 by the Hudson College of Public Health to honor his service and leadership during the pandemic
- Served as Dean of the College for more than 20 years until 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.





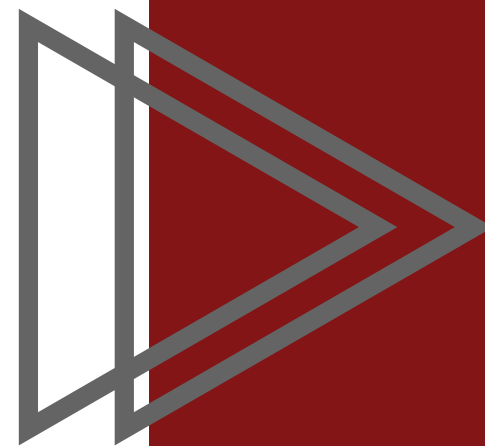
Shristi Upadhaya

MPH, Epidemiology, 2025

Shristi Upadhaya is a second-year Master of Public Health student concentrating in epidemiology and biostatistics. Originally from Nepal, she completed her undergraduate studies in public health. Shristi has a strong interest in infectious epidemiology and zoonotic diseases and plans to contribute to these fields. In her free time, she enjoys trekking, cooking new cuisines, and propagating plants.

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
- Former Director of Supplier Responsibility for Apple, Inc





Mingze Zhu

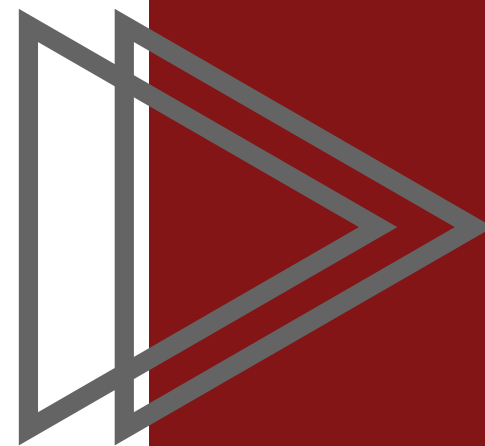
Ph.D., Environmental Health Sciences, 2025

Mingze's research primarily investigates the effects of air quality on preschool children and teachers, examining the impact of various interventions on indoor air quality and the related absenteeism due to infectious diseases.

Additionally, his work involves the use of machine learning methods to develop predictive models that can accurately forecast changes in air quality based on various environmental parameters. In his free time, Mingze enjoys practicing Tai Chi and playing tennis.

Julie A. Stoner Scholarship

- 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





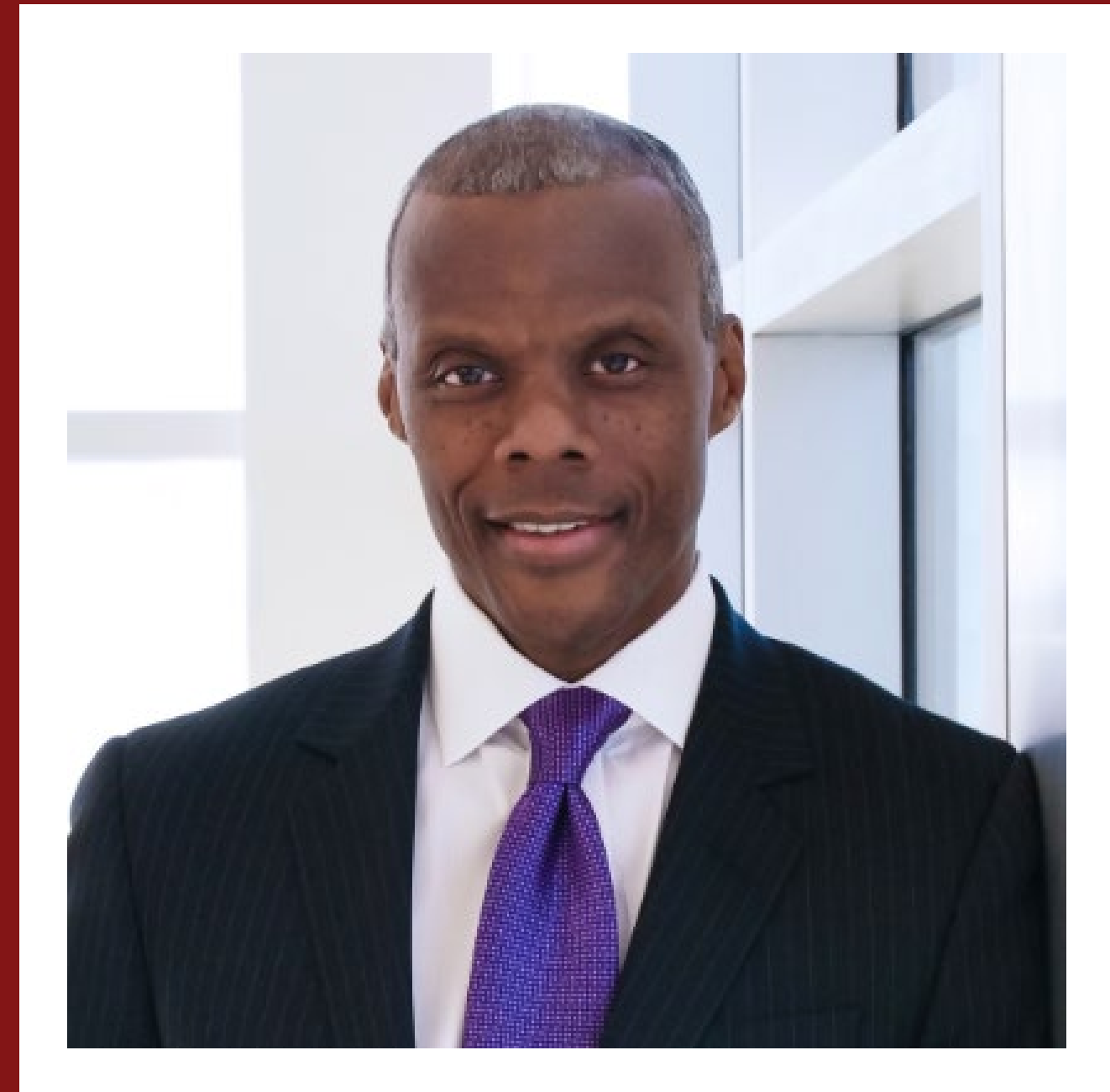
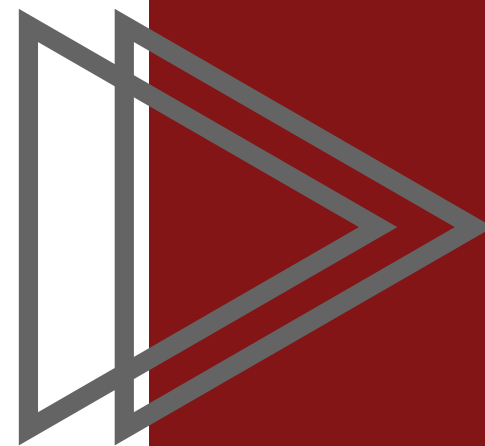
Mary L. Williams

Ph.D., Epidemiology, 2025

Mary is a PhD candidate in 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, making her 3-month old daughter laugh, and assisting her brother, Joshua, with disability education and outreach.

J.C. Watts Family 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





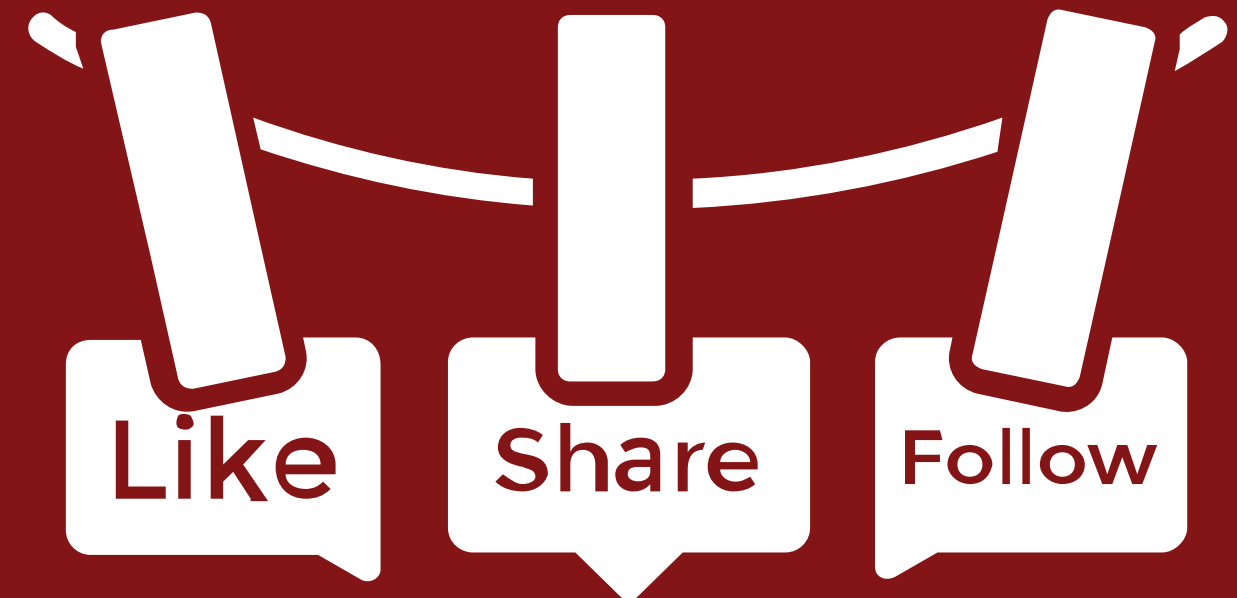
Britten Allen

MPH, Interdisciplinary, 2025

An Oklahoma native born and raised, Britten is committed to the continued development and service to our state's various communities. Currently enrolled as an MPH Interdisciplinary Studies program, Britten aims to provide valuable medical care and service through primary care prevention and aims to one-day operate free-service clinics that were so pivotal early in his life. Britten is an avid and eager learner, who enjoys developing new skills, exercising with friends, and spending quality time with his family.



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