



"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."

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CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

Congratulations!



CHET Director and Associate Director Named University Research Professors

Congratulations to CHET Director Nancy E. Schoenberg, Ph.D., and CHET Associate Director Carrie B. Oser, Ph.D., who were named 2022-2023 University Research Professors. Established by the Board of Trustees in 1976, the professorships program recognizes excellence across the full spectrum of research, scholarship and creative endeavors at UK. Each University Research Professor receives a one-year award of \$10,000 to be used to further their research, scholarship and creative endeavors.



<https://uknow.uky.edu/research/14-faculty-named-2022-2023-university-research-professors>

Congratulations Drs. Schoenberg and Oser!

2022 Graduates

Congratulations to all of our students who will be graduating from the University of Kentucky this weekend!

Carina Mazariegos Zelaya



Doctor of Philosophy in Communication
Department of Communication
College of Communication and Information

Carina successfully defended her dissertation on April 5, 2022 and will receive her Ph.D. in Health Communication on May 6, 2022. Carina has served as a CHET graduate research assistant since 2020, and in the fall of 2022 she will join the University of Maryland - College Park as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Communication Science.

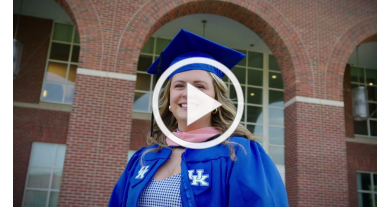
Jacklyn Vollmer

Master of Public Health with a concentration in
Epidemiology
Department of Epidemiology
College of Public Health

Jacklyn will graduate with a Master's of Public Health degree with a concentration in Epidemiology and a Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics on May 6, 2022. Jacklyn has served as a graduate research assistant with CHET primary faculty member Dr. Shyanika Rose since 2020.

"Looking forward, Vollmer wants to take her public health education and work as a health scientist or data analyst for a large government organization like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO)."

<https://cph.uky.edu/news/jacklyn-vollmers-desire-serve-others-leads-her-public-health>



Simone Bibbs, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with minors in Cello
Performance and Spanish
Department of Psychology
College of Arts & Sciences

Simone will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with minors in Cello Performance and Spanish and an Undergraduate Certificate in Social Science Research on May 7, 2022. Simone was a member of the inaugural 2019 Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky (SPARK) Program. She will enter graduate school at the Michigan State University in the fall as a student in the Human Development and Family Studies Ph.D. program with a concentration in Lifespan Human Development and Family Diversity. She will work with Dr. Emilie Smith conducting research on racial socialization and poverty among youth and families of color.



Sidney Bibbs

Bachelor of Health Sciences in Medical Laboratory
Science, with minors in Spanish and Music
Performance
Department of Health and Clinical Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Sidney will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Medical Laboratory Science with minors in Cello Performance and Spanish on May 6, 2022. Sidney was a member of the inaugural 2019 Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky (SPARK)



Program. In the fall, she will join the University of Toledo as a graduate student in the Assistant in Pathology program and will be pursuing a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS).

Alexis James

Bachelor of Science in Human Health Sciences with a minor in biology
Department of Health and Clinical Sciences
College of Health Sciences

Alexis will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Human Health Sciences with a minor in Biology on May 6, 2022. Alexis was a member of the 2020 Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky (SPARK) Program. After graduation she will join Medpace as a Project Coordinator in Cincinnati, OH.



May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific

Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week and was passed by Congress in 1978. In 1992, Congress passed a law annually designating each May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

You can learn more about the observance here: <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/>

UK-REC Scholar Training Program RFA

Deadline: June 15, 2022

The Research Education Component (REC) of our UK-Alzheimer's Disease Research Center has two REC Scholars positions open, with funding starting August 1, 2022. Appointments are for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year.

This program is aimed at junior investigators (assistant professors or clinical fellows) to provide protected time/support to pursue mentored basic, translational, or clinical research in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Areas of special interest include studies on risk factors, prevention, preclinical AD, therapeutics, caregiving, minority populations, health disparities, cognitive processes, and neuroimaging.

The awards will provide seed funding to facilitate generation of pilot data for a future grant submission. Scholars will also follow a customized training plan to foster career development goals with mentored support.

For questions contact (linda.vaneldik@uky.edu) or Daniel Lee (dan.lee@uky.edu).



Multi-Sensory Approach Benefits Communication With Those Living With Dementia

Are you caring for someone with dementia? CHET faculty member Dr. Elizabeth Rhodus invites you to participate in a research study that offers the Harmony at H.O.M.E. (Help Online Modifying the Environment) telehealth program at the University of Kentucky. The program provides training and tools for care partners to assess and modify the home to promote activity engagement and behavior regulation for the person with dementia. This study is led by researchers within UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging.

You can learn more here: <http://uknow.uky.edu/uk-healthcare/multi-sensory-approach-benefits-communication-those-living-dementia>

Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to chet@uky.edu by Thursday will be

included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee via chet@uky.edu

Biostatistics and Research Design Core

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlFBA9n9aPOFlb

CHET Student and Trainee Listserv

Please encourage your students and trainees to join our listserv here: bit.ly/joinchet

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