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#### Message from the Dean, Monica Lounsbery

“Our Department of Health Science faculty, staff, and students work tirelessly to address some of the greatest health challenges of our time. Through education, research and community outreach efforts, they have helped to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and reduce health disparities. I look forward to supporting the continued efforts of the Department to create a safer, healthier and more equitable world.”

#### Message from the Chair, Kamiar Alaei

"I am pleased to join such a wonderful department which is always striving to provide the best for our students and community at large. I realized this is very crucial to have a newsletter which can give a glimpse into the great work our students, faculty, and staff have continued to do throughout the pandemic. We are proud to share our achievements and new initiatives and hope you will enjoy reading about our efforts."

## History Corner: 55 Years in the Making

*Dr. Mo Forouzesh*



The Health Science Department was established in 1965. From its inception, our department was created by visionaries such as Dr. Peter Cortese and Dr. Marian B. Pollock. Dr. Cortese was the first faculty and chair of our department. He held other important positions, including leading The American Association for Higher Education (AAHE), the credentialing movement in the US, and finally placed Health Education on the national map.

Dr. Pollock was a national and international figure through her consultation work with the World Health Organization (WHO) on children's health issues. She also started the CSULB School Health Teacher Training Program. In fact, most of the teachers who taught health in the 60's and 70's in California were trained by Dr. Pollock.

To meet the faculty gap at CSULB, Dr. Ned Jones at UCLA's School of Public Health started a DrPH program with emphasis on School Health. This effort was considered successful, as the first faculty members in the CSULB Department of Health Science were all graduates of this program. These faculty members included Dr. Peter Cortese, Rick Lussier, Susan Giarratano, Jack A. Torney, Lynda Berhan Stioponovich, Kathy Koser, and Alan Henderson. The Department of Health Science continued to grow with the establishment of the Master of Public (MPH) health program in 1973 by Dr. Pollock. The MPH became an accredited program in 1984. The Department of Health Science then recruited Dr. Mohammad Forouzesh (Dr. Mo), who brought his experience with the successful accreditation of the MPH program at University of Illinois. CSULB graduated its first MPH student in 1985. **At that time, CSULB was only the second public health program in the country to receive MPH accreditation despite not being a School of Public Health.** Watch for part two of the history corner in the next issue of our newsletter!

## MISSION

To aid and encourage students' development into knowledgeable professionals and life-long learners who will lead efforts to support health equity for all within the fields of health science, public and community health, health education and other related areas. The program fosters the development of person- and community-centered health professionals who are culturally sensitive and responsive to the complex social determinants of health.

### Goals:

(1) contribute to the development and advancement of a skilled student body and faculty; (2) develop strong teaching and research or scholarship programs; and (3) maintain linkages with professionals, academics, and the community at large to foster effective collaborations that support population health.

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

A look into the amazing work being done in our department.

## 2020 Graduation Rates

<b>Freshmen Students</b>	<b>60%</b>
Graduated within last 4 yrs (up from 16% 2 years ago)	
<b>Transfer Students</b>	<b>73%</b>
Graduated within last 2 yrs (up from 46% 2 years ago)	
<b>Graduate Students</b>	<b>90%</b>
Graduated within 2 years	
<b>Increased Degree awardees</b>	<b>300%</b>
Over the past decade.	

## Department Demographics

Lecturers	
• Full-Time	<b>7</b>
• Part-Time	<b>23</b>
Tenure-Track	<b>5</b>
Tenured	<b>7</b>
Admin Staff	<b>2</b>
Student Assistants	<b>3</b>
Students	<b>1,090</b>

## New Initiatives

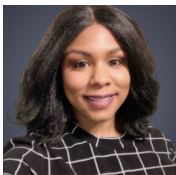
Global Health  
Certificate

Latino Health  
Certificate

Concentration  
in Latino Health

Future:  
Health Policy  
Global Health  
Epidemiology/  
Biostatistics

## Grants



- **Amber Johnson.** Black Health Equity Collaborative, Long Beach. Supports a partnership between CSULB and City of Long Beach for the implementation, administration, and management of a \$1,000,000 Black Health Equity Fund. \$66,800. (August 2020-May 2021)



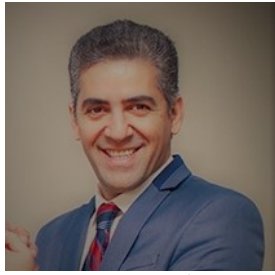
- **Laura D'Anna.** Building Healthy Communities, Long Beach Evaluation. Center for Health Equity Research CHHS. The California Endowment through Community Partners. \$25,500. (November 2020 - June 2021).
- IPERT - CHER Institute. Center for Health Equity Research. CHHS. NIH - NIGMS. \$383,630. (September 2020 - August 2021).



- **Melawhy Garcia.** Eat, Play, Go! Healthy Families in Long Beach. Center for Latino Community Health. CHHS. USDA. \$974,844. (November 2020 - November 2024)

# New to the Health Science Department

## New Department Members



**Kamiar Alaei**  
Professor &  
Department Chair



**Maria Retamoza**  
Temporary  
Admin Coordinator (CHHS)



**Nicole Betschman**  
Lecturer



**Rikki Byrd**  
Lecturer



**George Smith**  
Lecturer



**Lori Dewald**  
Lecturer

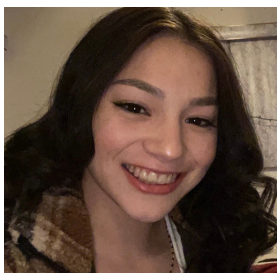


**Michelle Zakson**  
Lecturer



**Victoria Baker**  
Lecturer

## Student Assistants



**Breanna Mccans**



**Justina Jones**



**Katherine Arias**

## Promotions



### **Niloofar Bavarian**

Dr. Niloofar Bavarian received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor and Associate Chair.

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(\*Students)



## CENTER FOR LATINO COMMUNITY HEALTH



LONG BEACH STATE UNIVERSITY  
CENTER FOR LATINO  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
EVALUATION & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The CSULB Center for Latino Community Health's mission is to improve, promote, and advocate for the health and well-being of diverse Latino/Hispanic communities. Grants funded through a myriad of governmental agencies and gifts from private donors support our efforts. Our programs capacitate communities by training undergraduate and graduate students to work closely with leading multi-disciplinary academics to positively create culturally relevant strategies that improve the health access of Latinos in the United States. We strive to ensure that each of our programs has a sustainable and tangible outcome in the community and that our work promotes positive change in Latino health status and access.

### Recent Events

#### Center for Latino Health's Research Brown Bag Meeting

- March 24th 2021 at 11:30 12:30pm
- Presenter: Elizabeth Barnett, PhD
- Topic: Assessment of an online Motivational Interviewing curriculum using a Standardized Patient.

[Learn More](#)

### Center News

- The Center for Latino Community Health has been awarded \$974,584 from the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a project titled: Eat, Play, Go! Integrated Transdisciplinary Research, Education, and Extension Project to Prevent Latino Youth Obesity.
  - Learn more at: <https://www.csulb.edu/latinohealth/latinohealth/article/center-awarded-new-grant-usdas-nifa-called-eat-play-go>
- New Director of the Center for Latino Community Health - Melawhy Garcia
  - Dr. Melawhy Garcia began serving as sole Director in June 2020. She has the full support of the HSC Chair, professional staff and colleagues with whom she has worked this past decade.

## CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH



The Center's mission is, "To promote health equity by engaging researchers and community partners in conducting rigorous and innovative public health research." Research and evaluation projects at CHER are centered in community-based participatory research principles, which would not be possible without the authentic trust of its community partners. Through meaningful community engagement, the CHER Team aims to better understand the determinants of health and racial equity issues that are important to vulnerable and marginalized communities. For example, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression experienced by Cambodian refugees, internalized stigma and stress resulting from racism and social discrimination directed at Black/African Americans, and associated behaviors resulting in increased risk for substance use, HIV, and other transmissible conditions, including COVID-19. CHER also serves as an active research training center for students to develop the skills needed to become future leaders in the field of public health.

### Recent Events

#### Annual CHER Institute

- Applications for the annual CHER Institute were accepted through April 5th, and the selection committee is in the process of selecting the 2021 Faculty Fellow cohort. The CHER Institute is an intensive training experience designed to enhance the readiness of early career faculty at minority-serving institutions to conduct NIH-funded, community-based, social and health behavior research.
- Read more at <https://web.csulb.edu/HealthEquity/>

[Learn More](#)

### Center News

- Jaelen Owens, B.A., CSULB Alumni and Health Education Outreach Coordinator for CHER's PPOWER2 Project, was recently elected co-chair of the Long Beach HIV Planning Group.

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

A look into the amazing community work done by our faculty.



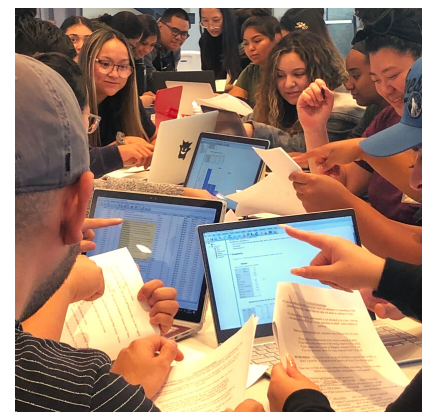
## Culture of Health

Dr. Gail Farmer

In my role as a researcher and professor, one of my greatest joys is to work on projects that involve the community and empower our students to work interprofessionally. I am privileged to be the PI on two community projects: First, my two Co-PIs Dr. Theodora Papachristou (Health Science), Dr. Long Wang (Nutrition and Dietetics) and consultant Dr. Gail Frank (Nutrition and Dietetics), created the program Culture of Health at the American Gold Star Manor (AGSM). AGSM is a residential community of low income, independent living older adults (60+ years). Unlike other older adult communities, AGSM shares a connection with the U.S. military service, either as an American Gold Star parent whose child was killed in military combat, OR a military veteran. Our semester long multi-component program is designed to foster a sense of quality of life through engaging approximately 20 residents in “hands-on” nutritious cooking demonstrations, gardening activities (garden to table), and health literacy discussions. Under my supervision, approximately 20 student interns are trained to work with older adults, develop a culturally diverse and linguistically sensitive curriculum, implement the program, and evaluate outcomes. Our motto is “Look Good, Feel Even BETTAH!”

However, after three semesters of activities, the program was suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is expected that these activities will be resumed when in-person contact is appropriate.

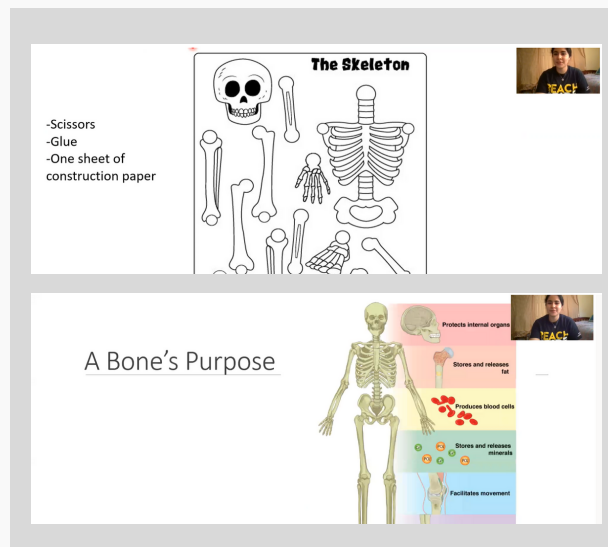
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## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LONG BEACH

Dr. Selena Nguyen-Rodriguez

Our faculty are collaborating with the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach (BGCLB) to mutually support each institution's community-based activities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the BGCLB is delivering virtual after-school and summer programming for their club members. Students from Dr. Selena Nguyen-Rodriguez's Healthy Balance Research Lab, interns and fellows from the Center for Latino Community Health and graduate students from the Department of Kinesiology have presented health and science education as well as wellness sessions to support our Long Beach youth. Some examples include: the Center's Familias Saludables child obesity prevention intervention, tobacco use prevention, the skeletal system, mental well-being, and yoga.



## HEALTH EQUITY AMONG BLACK POPULATIONS

Dr. Amber Johnson

Advancing health equity among Black populations has always been a passion for Dr. Amber Johnson. As the United States reflected on racial injustices during the summer of 2020, Dr. Johnson felt compelled to act. She was integral to the City of Long Beach's Framework for Reconciliation process, which provided a framework for Long Beach to acknowledge systemic racism, listen to Black community members, convene City stakeholders, and catalyze action within the City of Long Beach. She worked with a team of four recent CSULB graduates to analyze feedback received for Long Beach's town hall and listening sessions. This analysis was used to help develop Long Beach's Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report. Dr. Johnson continued to build upon this partnership by assisting the City of Long Beach in developing funding opportunities for Black serving organizations to reduce the impact of COVID-19 among Black Long Beach residents. She also created the Black Health Equity Internship to train students to advance Black health equity using health education, community outreach, and academic-community partnerships. Dr. Johnson is looking forward to continuing these efforts to promote Black health equity at CSULB and Long Beach.

## ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC STEERING COMMITTEE

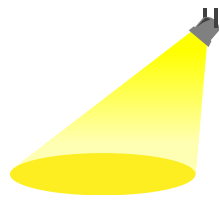
Bridget Rogala

Bridget Rogala, Lecturer for the Department of Health Science, has been selected to serve on the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Steering Committee starting October 2020. EHE is a five-year federal initiative focused on four key pillars:

- Diagnose people with HIV as early as possible
- Treat people with HIV rapidly and effectively
- Prevent new HIV transmissions
- Respond quickly to HIV outbreaks

She looks forward to working with Los Angeles County leadership and stakeholders on the design and implementation of local strategies with an emphasis on health equity and social justice. Moving forward, Bridget will exchange, share, and promote HIV-related strategies within the Department of Health Science and broader Long Beach community.

# HSC SPOTLIGHT



Hear from some of our amazing students and faculty

## Judith Magana - Undergraduate Student



I am a first generation college student. I completed my Bachelor's degree in December 2020 and majored in Health Science with focus on Community Education. I graduated with a cumulative GPA of 4.0 and as a Presidential Scholar.

I was also in the University Honors Program which gave me the opportunity to develop and present a thesis. My thesis was titled "Influences of Adiposity Indicators on Academic Performance of Minority Youth."

"Remember to practice self-care. You are important and you will do great things."

I was an Advancing Nutrition Development Through Alliances for Leadership and Education (ANDALE) Scholar with the Center for Latino Community Health Evaluation and Leadership Training. This allowed me to be a research assistant for Dr. Selena Nguyen-Rodriguez' Healthy Balance Research Lab. This experience opened many doors for me including the opportunity to present an abstract at the Diabetes and Obesity Research Institution (DORI) Symposium.

## Zaira Ramirez - Graduate Student



I am a CSULB alumna. I received my Bachelor of Science in Health Science with an emphasis in Community Health Education and School Health Education. Currently, I am a Health Educator for CalOptima.

My professional and personal experiences have allowed me to witness the health needs of underserved communities. I wanted to get my graduate degree because I wanted to learn how to create and sustain health programs. I wanted to collaborate with faculty, students, and like-minded individuals who shared the same interest but have different perspectives.

Furthermore, I sought to gain advice and guidance from professors who have years of experience in the field, to increase my knowledge and successfully serve communities suffering from health disparities.

"...always follow your passion because when you do things you truly love, you will feel fulfilled."

Currently, I am the President of the CSULB Health Science Graduate Association (HSGA). My experience in HSGA was a little different than I envisioned it. However, the current pandemic situation is a reminder of how great organizations like HSGA are because through technology we can still meet and stay connected.

## Brandon Osborne - Alumni



I graduated from the BS in Health Science program in 2015. Currently, I am a Research Associate at AMTC & Associates as well as a PhD Candidate in Public Health at the University of California, Irvine.

My passion for addressing social determinants of health to advance health equity drove me to my current positions today.

The vast experience and mentorship I received as an intern with CHER prepared me for a career in public health research. The fostering environment at CHER has also sparked my own ambitions to develop my own team that works to promote health equity. I am forever grateful for my time at CHER and the opportunities those experiences allowed me to pursue.



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## Robert Friis - Professor Emeritus



Dr. Friis (B.A. in psychology at U. C. Berkeley, M.A. in educational psychology at Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in higher education at Columbia, postdoc in epidemiology at the University of Michigan in Arbor) was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the Columbia School of Public Health, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Irvine.

He has had a lifelong interest in health and public health. He conducted research on tobacco use among Hispanic populations. While at the Health Science department at CSULB, he received two major grants for epidemiologic studies of tobacco and smoking cessation from the university of California's Tobacco Control Program. He had three sabbatical leaves in Europe while a faculty member at CSULB. His recent publications have been on tobacco control and he continues research on this topic. He is senior author of four internationally adopted textbooks on epidemiology, including *Epidemiology for Public Health Practice*. He is completing the revision of *Epidemiology 101, Third Edition*.

"I am proud to have served as department chairperson for almost 15 years until 2011. When I began as chairperson, my first focus was to secure accreditation of our program from the ASPPH (Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health). The department faculty members conducted a self-study and qualified for a seven-year accreditation. This achievement legitimized the department's addition of specializations, recruitment of new students, and participation in the national network of public health programs. Dr. Forouzesah served as graduate program director, a role that was indispensable for success of the program. I encouraged faculty members to increase research programs and external support. The department has developed a strong reputation for research, service, and scholarly activity and has continued to support of accreditation."

## Fifty years of teaching-Nathan Matza: Much more than APA 7th edition

### Nathan Matza

My Physics Professor Julius Sumner Miller once told me "Matza, you have the fire." I was just excited about learning in 1966 and did not realize I was being called to teach. After graduating with a zoology degree from CSULB, I worked as a pharmaceutical rep, but quickly realized the relevant subject of Health Science was my true passion.



In 1982 I was asked if I was interested teaching at CSULB. I said yes and found out what a joy it was to work with adult students, and taught many Health Science (HSC) courses, lobbied for many health education issues throughout the state, and even wrote a textbook on health science.

Now, as we enter 2021, I enter my fifty-first year as a teacher, 37 years teaching at CSULB, after teaching high school for 33 years. About 10 years ago I decided to teach HSC 425, Human Sexuality, and realized I reached a renaissance once again. I heard from colleagues that HSC 425 was very challenging, but quickly learned how much fun it was to teach all students about how to take care of their sexual health.

Most importantly, however, I recently realized how so many of our students are struggling with life, especially dealing with their health during the epidemic. A mom recently found me on the Internet and wrote a long thank you to me about helping her as a teen with health education, 30 years later. She said she passes on wisdom she learned from me to her kids as, "A wise man once said..."

As we all are adjusting to this terrible epidemic, it is critical to remember the daily struggles of our students as we teach them to practice positive health behaviors and not to worry about changes in such things as the APA 7th edition. Today at the ripe young age of 78, I look forward to writing syllabi and helping students once again, as I start my next 50 years teaching...

# HSC STUDENTS

Achievements from  
some of our students



Students showing appreciation via Zoom for their professor Phillip Falcetti at the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

## Student Awards



### Judith Magana

- Summer Program in Diabetes and Obesity Research (SPIDOR) (selected participant), Diabetes and Obesity Research Institute, University of Southern California (Summer 2020)
- Cesar Alfonso Yanez Scholarship to attend APHA annual conference (Fall 2020)
- Department of Public Health (Paid Internship), Office of Substance Abuse and Addiction Prevention

### Janet Ortiz

- ANDALE Scholarship recipient, CSULB, Department of Health Science, Center for Latino Health (Fall 2020)
- Diversity Summer Engagement Program (selected participant)- Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2020)
- California Initiative for Health Equity & Action (Cal-IHEA) (selected participant)- University of California Berkeley
- American Public Health Association Presenter (Fall 2020)

### Gerson Leon

- Project IMHOTEP: Summer Program in Public Health (selected participant) Public Health Sciences Institute, Moorehouse College (Summer 2020)

### Patricia (Patty) Dionicia

- Started PhD Program in Health Behavior at UC San Diego (Fall 2020)





## Previous and Upcoming Events and Announcements



### Friday, 3/26 @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm - HSSA Career Fair

- (Location: Zoom, Meeting ID: 896 4508 1341)

### Friday, 4/9 @ 11:30 - 12:30 pm - HSSA Third General Meeting

- (Location: Zoom, Meeting ID: 847 8797 2063)

### Friday, 4/9 @ All Day - Panda Express Fundraiser (all day)

- Location: Any location, Order Online Only
- Online Order Code: 902260

### Thursday, 4/15 @ 6 - 7:30 pm - Guest Speaker: April August

- (Location: Zoom, Meeting ID: 894 8741 3031)

### Friday, 5/21 @ 3 - 4:30 pm - Spring Banquet

- (Location: Zoom, Meeting ID: 817 5996 1303)



### ETA Sigma GAMMA Board Application

- Our Board Member Application for Eta Sigma Gamma will be open on March 1st and ended on April 4th.
- Feel free to reach out via email with any questions. Our email is [esgcsulb@gmail.com](mailto:esgcsulb@gmail.com).
- **The deadline to apply was April 4th, 2021.**



### Health Science Student Association BeachSync

The Health Science Student Association (HSSA) enables students to work closely with faculty in planning various activities geared towards disease and health prevention such as health fairs. The HSSA creates an environment for students to interact with other students, make long-lasting friendships and utilize their skills to work on projects in and out of school.

[Learn More](#)



### Health Science Graduate Association BeachSync

The Health Science Graduate Association (HSGA) is an organization dedicated to providing Master of Public Health (MPH) students the opportunity to network with peers, faculty members, community members, and health professionals. As a member, students will actively be able to network and attend workshops, fundraisers, and social events.

[Learn More](#)



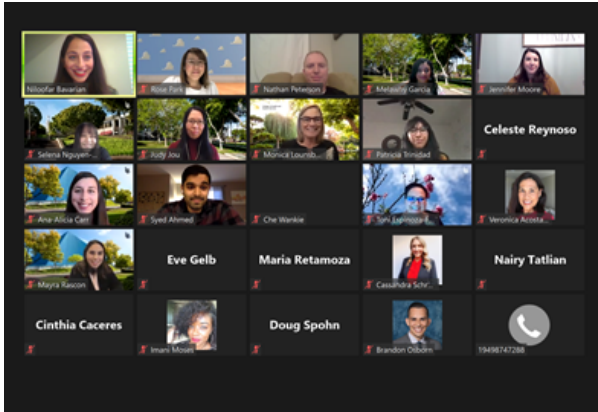
### ETA SIGMA GAMMA BeachSync

Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG) is a national honor society designed for both Health Science major and minor students in Health Education. ESG was first organized in 1967, with the National Office located in Muncie, Indiana, and is associated with Ball State University. With over 80 chapters nationwide, CSULB is the fifth ESG chapter and was established in 1970 as the Gamma chapter.

[Learn More](#)



## Health Science is forming an Alumni Network!



Our Community Advisory Board and Alumni had a meeting in December 2020.

### Alumni Planning Committee

- Ana-Alicia Carr
- Aeron David
- Brandon Osborn
- Brandon Silva
- Cassandra Schroeder
- Stephanie Sumstine
- Yvonne Mudoh
- Zeinab Jaafar

Our Alumni Association would like to know about you! Take the survey below!

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## Staying Connected

Professors emeritus will be part of Department Advising Council.

*Left to Right: Robert Friis, Kamiar Alaei, Mo Forouzesh (Top)  
Kevin Malotte, Dale Evans (Bottom)*



## Shout out to our Health Science Staff!

- **Kamiar Alaei** - Department Chair
- **Veronica Acosta-Deprez** - Internship Coordinator
- **Vikki Bisorca** - Undergraduate Coordinator
- **Laura D'Anna** - Director of the Center for Health Equity Research (CHER)
- **Toni Espinoza-Ferrel** - Certificate Coordinator
- **Maria Retamoza** - Temporary Admin Coordinator (CHHS)
- **Lisa Sparks** - Graduate Internship Coordinator
- **Karen Miyahara** - Department Coordinator
- **Melawhy Garcia** - Director of the Center for Latino Community Health
- **Judy Jou** - Graduate Coordinator
- **Wendy Nomura** - General Education Coordinator

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- Kamiar Alaei  
Maria Retamoza  
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- Amber Johnson
  - Judy Jou
  - Laura D'Anna



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