

# Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

**Early Psychosis Film Launch:** *Breaking the Silence* is a film that aims to shine a light on the lived experiences of people with psychosis, specifically in the Massachusetts area. It is brought to you by Building Bridges toward Equity in Psychosis Careers and Intervention (2B-EPIC) & the MA Department of Mental Health in conjunction with Jagun Fly Productions. With some light refreshments provided, it will be an evening filled with powerful storytelling and thought-provoking discussions! See the trailer and learn more about the film [here](#), and register for the free event [here](#). Please note that there will be another screening in the Fall specifically for undergraduate students.

**Date/time: July 9th from 6-8:30 PM**

**In-person location: John D. O'Bryant African American  
Institute - Cabral Center (40 Leon Street)**

## Recent Publications

Dr. Alisa Lincoln, IHESJR Director, had a recent publication titled "Three Things We Learned Along the Way: lessons for training in psychiatric epidemiology" published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*. The article, [linked here](#), argues that psychiatric epidemiologists have a critical role to play in addressing population mental health and drawing attention to three areas of consideration: the need to elevate population based solutions; engaging equitably with lived experience; and interrogating recovery.

Dr. Chieh Li, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, has three recent publications:

1. "Brief meditation on test anxiety of 8th grade Chinese students: Chain-mediating roles of mindfulness and self-efficacy" examines the effects of BMI on the test anxiety of Chinese junior high school students and explores the hypothesized chain mediating roles of mindfulness and self-efficacy between BMI and test anxiety. The work, [linked here](#), was published in the *School Mental Health* journal.
2. "Adolescents' loneliness and problematic smartphone use: The mediating role of upward social comparison and the moderating role of self-identity" investigates the link between loneliness and problematic smartphone use among adolescents to reveal the underlying mechanisms of this correlation. The work, [linked here](#), was published in the *Psychology in the Schools* journal.
3. "Connection of social anxiety to impaired pattern of cognitive control and underlying motivational deficiencies: Evidence from ERPs" investigates two issues: (1) to identify the cognitive control pattern of high social anxiety (HSAs) and examine whether HSAs display impaired cognitive control patterns compared with low social anxiety (LSAs) individuals and (2) to investigate whether motivational deficiencies underlie the impaired control pattern of HSAs. The work, [linked here](#), was published in the *Psychophysiology* journal.

## Presentations

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Natalia Coriano-Díaz and Chloe Bennet, Population Health PhD candidates, presented posters at the 2024 Annual Symposium on Risks and Opportunities of AI in Pharmaceutical Medicine on June 10th and 11th.

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Salus Populi recently attended the 2024 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, with Dr. Katherine Hazen, Evaluation Director, and Elaine Marshall, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, as presenters on June 8th. Mehreen Butt, Managing Director of the Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern, presented at the Health Law Professors Conference on June 6th with Salus Populi as well. Please see the graphics below for more details.

SALUS POPULI PRESENTS  
AT THE 2024 LAW AND SOCIETY  
ASSOCIATION (LSA) ANNUAL MEETING



SalusPopuli

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 | 10:00 - 11:45 AM | Centennial H

PAPER SESSION

*Salus Populi, Social Determinants of Health Judicial Education Program: Implementing and evaluating a sociolegal judicial intervention to disrupt health inequities and illustrate the role population health evidence can play in judicial decisions*



PRESENTER:  
KATHERINE HAZEN  
Director of Evaluation



Co-Presenter:  
ELAINE MARSHALL  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Non-Presenting Co-Author(s):  
KRYSTAL ABBOTT  
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NORTHEASTERN LAW  
FACULTY  
PRESENTATIONS  
AT THE 2024 HEALTH  
LAW PROFESSORS  
CONFERENCE



**MEHREEN BUTT**

Managing Director, Center for Health Policy and Law

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 | 2:45 - 4:00 PM | ROOM 1B  
Session 5B: Teaching Public Health Law

*Salus Populi, Social Determinants of Health Judicial Education Program: Implementing and Evaluating a Sociolegal Judicial Intervention to Disrupt Health Inequities and Illustrate the Role Population Health Evidence can Play in Judicial Decisions*



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Mengyuan Cheng, a Population Health PhD candidate, will be presenting her research on “The Impact of SNAP Policy Changes: A Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Health Outcomes Among Older Adults with Diabetes” at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (June 29 - July 2, 2024). Her work is supported by Dr. Nasim Ferdows, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar.

## Institute News and Updates

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Congratulations to Suzanne Garverich, IHESJR Program Director, for being accepted into Northeastern's Doctor of Education Program with a concentration in higher education administration! She will be starting in the fall of 2024 as she continues her role as Program Director at the Institute.

Congratulations to Srinithya Panamgipalli for earning a Peak Base Camp Award to study “How Social Determinants of Health Impact Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrests.” Their work is supported by Dr. Nasim Ferdows.

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Congratulations to Natalia Coriano-Díaz for winning a fellowship to attend the Society for Epidemiologic Research's Student Dissertation Workshop. This opportunity invites doctoral students to participate in epidemiologic methods workshop to support their dissertation research and precedes the 2023 Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting.

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Dr. Chieh Li, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, was featured in an article by the Northeastern Science Media Lab titled “The aftermath of COVID-19 continues to hurt high schoolers. Chieh Li has a vision for healing”. The article, linked here, discusses a 10-week research experiment guided by Dr. Li aimed at reducing stress and anxiety experienced by students.

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Dr. Irina Todorova, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, recently attended the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) conference at Boston College. She prepared a reflective piece detailing her experience for the newsletter, which is linked here. More specifically, she discusses some history of the SQIP, the work she presented at the conference, and highlights from keynote lectures in this piece.

## Welcoming the CHANGE Lab’s new Lab Coordinator, Krystal Abbott!

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- o Krystal recently graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor’s in Health Science & Psychology and a Master of Public Health. As a certified public health professional, she is committed to advancing health equity and social justice, focusing on research integrating public health and psychology to benefit adolescents and young adults. Krystal began her work with the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research as a co-op in the spring of 2022 and continued as a health equity intern on the Salus Populi project until the summer of 2024. For her practicum, she served as a Public Health consultant with the Academic Public Health Corps, supporting local public health agencies in Massachusetts. Most recently, she returned from a Dialogue of Civilizations in Germany, working as a program assistant to help teach two foundational Health Science courses (PHTH 2351 Community and Public Health and PHTH 2301 Communication Skills for Healthcare Professions) in the context of German culture. She is very excited to return to the Institute in her new role at the CHANGE Lab and reconnect with everyone!

# Self-Care Spotlight

♥ A resource to consider using to center your wellbeing and care for yourself. ♥



**KEEPIN' IT COOL**

**FREE ICE CREAM AND ACTIVITIES!**

**WEDNESDAYS, MAY 15 - JULY 31\***  
**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM\*\***  
**CENTENNIAL COMMON**

*\*NO EVENTS ON JUNE 19TH AND JULY 3RD*  
*\*\*OR UNTIL SUPPLIES RUN OUT*

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**Keepin' it Cool: As part of its Summerester series, Northeastern offers free Ben & Jerry's ice cream and activities to community members on the Boston campus. These events happen most Wednesdays from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM and take place either on the West Village or Krentzman Quads. Stay up to date on ice cream flavors, announced day of, by following @434csi on Instagram.**



**KEEPIN' IT COOL: LOCATION UPDATES**

**Summerester '24**

26 JUNE	Krentzman Quad
10 JULY	West Village Quad
17 JULY	Krentzman Quad
24 JULY	Krentzman Quad
31 JULY	West Village Quad

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